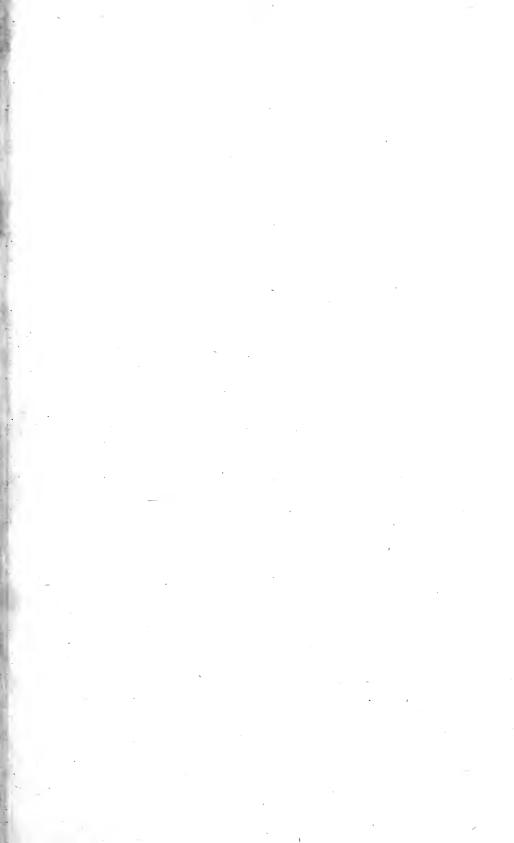
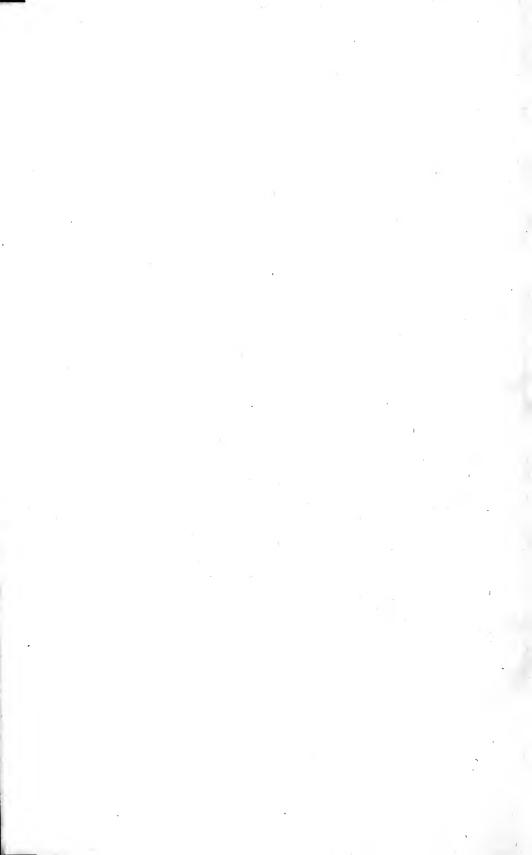




Class____

Book









DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

FRANKLIN K. LANE, Secretary

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY GEORGE OTIS SMITH, Director

WATER-SUPPLY PAPER 398

GROUND WATER

IN

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY. CALIFORNIA

ВУ

W. C. MENDENHALL, R. B. DOLE and HERMAN STABLER



WASHINGTON
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
1916



FRANKLIN K. LANE, Secretary

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY GEORGE OTIS SMITH, Director

Water-Supply Paper 398

355

GROUND WATER

IN

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

 \mathbf{BY}

W. C. MENDENHALL, R. B. DOLE AND HERMAN STABLER



WASHINGTON
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
1916

C.S.W.P.O.

D. of D. MAY 9 1916

CONTENTS.

	Page.
Introduction, by W. C. Mendenhall.	9
Development of irrigation in the Southwest	9
Investigations by the United States Geological Survey	13
Geography of the valley	15
Geologic outline.	- 18
Rocks of the border of the valley	18
Origin of the present surface of the valley	20
Soils	22
Surface waters.	23
Occurrence and utilization of ground water, by W. C. Mendenhall	27
Origin of the ground water	27
Underground circulation	28
Quantity of ground water	29
Accessibility and availability of ground water	30
Development of ground water	30
Value of the waters for irrigation	32
Quality of the waters, by R. B. Dole	38
Importance of quality	38
Sources of data	39
Conditions of collection of samples.	40
Methods of examination	41
Field assay	41
Carbonate and bicarbonate	42
Chlorine	42
Sulphate	42
Total hardness	43
Probable accuracy	43
Interpretation of results	46
Procedures of the Southern Pacific Co.	50
Standards for classification	50
Mineral constituents of water	50
Water for irrigation	51
Source of alkali.	51
Occurrence of alkali	52
Permissible limits of alkali	52
Relative harmfulness of the common alkalies.	55
Relation between applied water and soils.	55
Numerical standards.	56
Remedies for alkali troubles.	58
Washing down the alkali	58
Drainage	60
Miscallaneous remedies	61

Standards for classification—Continued.	
Water for boiler use	
Formation of scale	
Corrosion	
Foaming	
Remedies for boiler troubles.	
Boiler compounds	
Numerical standards	
Water for miscellaneous industrial uses	
General requisites	
Effects of dissolved and suspended materials	
Free acids	
Suspended matter	
Color	
Iron	
Calcium and magnesium	
Carbonate	
Sulphate	
Chlorine	
Organic matter	
Hydrogen sulphide	
Miscellaneous substances	
Water for domestic use	
Physical qualities	
Bacteriologic qualities	
Chemical qualities	
Mineral matter and potability	
Interpretation of field assays in relation to potability	
Chemical character	
Total solids	
Purification of water	
General requirements	
Methods of purification	
Slow sand filtration	
Rapid sand filtration.	
Cold-water softening.	
Feed-water heating	
Chemical composition of the surface waters.	
Rivers	
Tulare Lake.	
Buena Vista reservoir	
Denudation and deposition	
Rate of denudation in the Sierra.	
Rate of deposition in the valley.	
Chemical composition of the ground waters.	
Types of ground water	
Conditions north of Kings River.	
Occurrence of sulphate and nonsulphate waters	
Cause of the difference in composition of water.	
Contact zone of sulphate and nonsulphate waters	
Relation between the character of the waters and the origin of the	

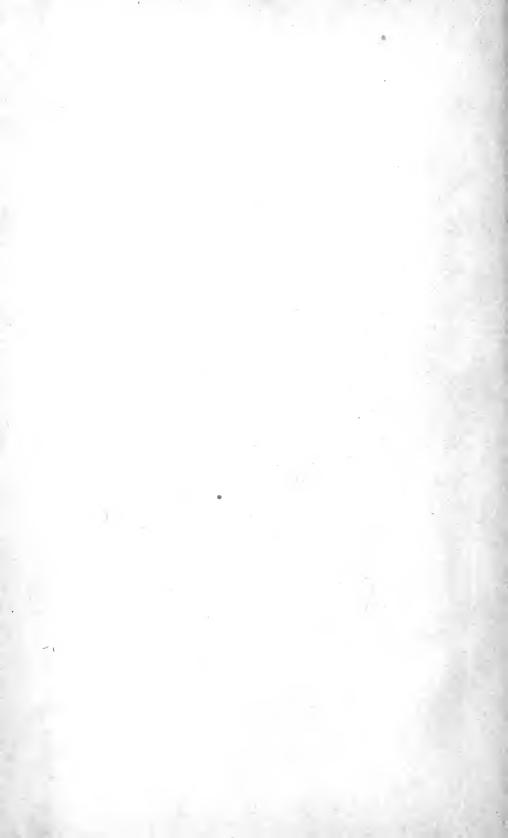
Quanty of the waters—Continued.	
Chemical composition of the ground waters—Continued.	Page.
Conditions around Tulare Lake	. 104
Contact zone of sulphate and non-sulphate waters	. 10
Total mineral content of waters	. 100
Thickness of the lacustrine deposits	
Proper depth of wells near Tulare Lake	
Conditions south of Tulare Lake	
Composition and quality of east-side waters	
Composition and quality of west-side waters	
General character	
Quality in relation to geographic position	
Deposition of calcium sulphate	
Composition and quality of axial waters	
Irregularity of composition	
Chloride content of artesian water.	
Increase of mineral content from south to north.	
General conditions.	
Deep waters	
Occlusion of sea water	
Shallow waters	
Relation of depth to mineral content	
Quality for irrigation	
East-side waters	. 12
West-side waters	. 12
Axial waters	
Results of using ground waters	12
Effect of cold water	12
Quality for industrial use	12
Industrial development	
East-side waters	. 12
West-side waters	
Axial waters	
Results of using ground waters	
Quality for domestic use	
Depth and position of poor supplies.	
Possibility of pollution	13
Municipal supplies	
Miscellaneous analyses	
Analyses by the California Experiment Station	
Analyses by the Camornia Experiment Station. Analyses by the Reclamation Service.	
Forecasting quality of ground water	
Summary. Pumping total by Harmon Stabler	
Pumping tests, by Herman Stabler	
Notes on the plants	14
Tabulated results of pumping tests	16
Summary of pumping tests	. 16
County notes, by W. C. Mendenhall and R. B. Dole	
San Joaquin County	. 17
General conditions	17
Flowing wells	
Pumping plants	17
Quality of water	18
Well records	18

CONTENTS.

01	unty notes—Continued.	Page.
	Stanislaus County	197
	General conditions	197
	Flowing wells	197
	Pumping plants	198
	Quality of ground water	198
	Well records	200
	Merced County	208
	General conditions.	208
	Flowing wells	209
	Pumping plants	209
	Quality of water	210
	Well records	212
	Madera County	226
	General conditions	226
	Flowing wells	226
	Pumping plants	227
	Quality of water	227
	Well records	229
	Fresno County	234
	General conditions	234
	Flowing wells	236
	Quality of water	237
	Well records	239
	Tulare County	252
	General conditions	252
	Flowing wells	252
	Pumping plants	253
	Permanence of the ground-water supply	253
	Quality of water	255
	Well records.	256
	Kings County	281
	General conditions.	281
	Flowing wells	282
	Quality of water	283
	Well records	284
	Kern County	289
	General conditions	289
	Flowing wells	289
	Pumping plants	290
	Quality of water.	292
	Well records.	295

ILLUSTRATIONS.

PLATE I. Map of San Joaquin Valley, Cal., showing artesian areas, ground-	Page.
water levels, and pumping plants examined	ocket.
11. Map of San Joaquin Valley showing location and depth of wells in	
relation to sulphate content of ground waters In pe	eket.
III. Cross sections showing sulphate content of ground waters in San	
Joaquin Valley	102
IV. Map showing prospects for quality of water near Tulare Lake	108
V. Diagram showing mineral content of ground waters in San Joaquin	
Valley	120
FIGURE 1. Index map showing location of San Joaquin Valley	16
2. Longitudinal sections showing sulphate content of ground water in	105
the vicinity of Tulare Lake	105
vicinity of Tulare Lake	107
4. Cross section showing content of sulphate and total mineral matter	101
of ground waters in the basin of Kern Lake	110
0.000000 11.00000 11.0000 0.000000	
INSERTS.	
·	
Tipe 24 Summary of number alent data	Page. 168
Table 34. Summary of pumping plant data. 37. Field assays of ground waters in San Joaquin County.	180
38. Mineral analyses of ground waters in San Joaquin County	180
40. Field assays of ground waters in Stanislaus County	198
41. Mineral analyses of ground waters in Stanislaus County	198
43. Field assays of ground waters in Merced County	210
44. Mineral analyses of ground waters in Merced County	210
47. Field assays of ground waters in Madera County	228
48. Mineral analyses of ground waters in Madera County	228
50. Field assays of ground waters in Fresno County	238
51. Mineral analyses of ground waters in Fresno County	238
53. Field assays of ground waters in Tulare County	254
54. Mineral analyses of ground waters in Tulare County	254
56. Field assays of ground waters in Kings County.	282
57. Mineral analyses of ground waters in Kings County.	282
60. Field assays of ground waters in Kern County.	$\frac{294}{294}$
61. Mineral analyses of ground waters in Kern County	294



GROUND WATER IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA.

By W. C. MENDENHALL, R. B. Dole, and Herman Stabler.

INTRODUCTION.

By W. C. MENDENHALL.

DEVELOPMENT OF IRRIGATION IN THE SOUTHWEST.

The agricultural industry in the southwestern part of the United States is peculiar in that within that region consumption tends constantly to exceed production. This condition is due to the large areas of desert, which are unsuited for agriculture but support many other industries. The irrigated land in the 11 arid States, lying for the most part west of the crest of the Rocky Mountains, was 7,254,110 acres in 1899, when the Twelfth Census was taken, and 13,202,889 acres in 1909, when the Thirteenth Census was taken. irrigation development has not been so rapid since 1909 as during the preceding decade, it has nevertheless continued, and large tracts are added each year to the reclaimed areas through the operation of the reclamation act, the Carey Acts, the desert-land law, and the development of lands in private ownership. Meanwhile general industrial expansion continues, although less rapidly than at earlier periods, and under the influence of this expansion and the pressure of population from the East most of the Western States are making important additions to their population each year.

In the States of Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico the mining industry becomes yearly of greater importance, and the influx of people engaged in it is increasing correspondingly. The increase in the production of petroleum in California from 395,000 barrels in 1892 to 14,000,000 barrels in 1902 and 86,450,000 barrels in 1912 represents an amazing growth in an industry and in the population necessary to support it, which in turn greatly increases the demand for food products and thus stimulates agricultural development. The growth of trade with oriental countries and the development of the mineral resources of Alaska have resulted in great accessions to the population of the Pacific coast seaports, particularly those about San Francisco Bay and Puget Sound, and in greatly increased

demands for food products. The passage in 1914 of an Alaskan railroad bill promises to increase the northern market during the construction period at least, and the completion of the Panama Canal will open eastern and European markets to certain types of Pacific coast products, to which these markets are now closed. Southern California, as that portion of the State lying south of the Tehachapi Mountains is called, has become established as a playground for the people of the entire United States, and of the thousands of tourists who visit this area each year many become permanent residents.

Of the areas in the Southwest within which food products for its cities, its tourist centers, and its mining regions must be raised, the largest and most promising is the interior lowland known as the Great Central Valley of California. The southern segment of this lowland, San Joaquin Valley, contains about 7,500,000 acres, of which 1,728,975 acres was under irrigation in 1912(?). Southern California contains approximately a million acres of land that would be cultivable if water were applied to it; yet in this region, where the water resources are fully utilized, perhaps a quarter of a million acres are under irrigation, and the remaining area either is nonproductive or yields a relatively low-grade and uncertain crop through the application of dry-farming methods.

Furthermore, the density of population in the irrigated valleys south of the Tehachapi and the large and rapidly growing cities there means the consumption of practically all the staple food products raised. Fruits, especially the citrus varieties, are grown for export, and in some years more grain is produced than is necessary for local needs; but in general the demand in this area for food staples is in excess of the local supply and this condition will be accen-

tuated rather than ameliorated in the future.

Imperial Valley, in extreme southeastern California, is rapidly becoming a very productive area through the utilization of Colorado River water, and many other sections might be mentioned whose acreage will increase the total area under irrigation, but all of them together are smaller than San Joaquin Valley, which, with that of the Sacramento, must become the chief agricultural district of the Southwest.

The agricultural development of this valley is controlled by the distribution of rainfall, the character of the soils, and the possibility of applying other water than that which reaches the valley as a direct result of precipitation upon its surface. Its extreme southern end, in the vicinity of Bakersfield, is strictly arid, the average rainfall there being less than 5 inches. Precipitation increases gradually toward the north, until at Red Bluff, in the northern end of Sacramento Valley, the annual rainfall averages 25.7 inches. Intermediate areas receive an amount of precipitation intermediate between these

two extremes; but south of San Francisco Bay the available records indicate a rainfall of less than 16 inches, and over the greater part of this area, of less than 12 inches—an amount insufficient to insure crops, even of grain, and entirely inadequate for the other diverse food crops which a dense population demands.

The progressive increase in aridity from the northern toward the southern end of the valley trough prevails to an equally marked extent east of the valley, in the mountain areas from which its surface waters are drawn. The total run-off from the Sierra, according to the best available records, is about 12,000,000 acre-feet annually. Of this amount, 3,300,000 acre-feet is supplied by the streams from Kings River southward and 8,700,000 acre-feet by the streams north of Kings River. The combined drainage area of the streams from Kings River southward is 4,871 square miles; that of the streams north of Kings River is 7,714 square miles. That is, a southern portion of the Sierra, whose area is nearly seven-tenths as large as the northern portion, yields but one-third as much water in the form of stream discharge. Hence in the south end of San Joaquin Valley the acreage which is irrigable by the use of surface waters is very much less than that in the northern end of the valley, and the area available for development there is correspondingly greater than that available farther north.

The question of water supply is, of course, not the only one that confronts those who desire to see the development of San Joaquin Valley proceed rapidly, although it is properly regarded as the most pressing. The quality of the soil, particularly with reference to the presence of hardpan or of alkali, is of the utmost importance. Extensive alkali areas exist along the axis of the valley and part way up its eastern slope, especially at points where the ground waters lie close to the surface, and hardpans of at least two types underlie some of the higher and otherwise most valuable lands. These soil problems are being studied systematically by the soil experts of the Department of Agriculture ¹ and the reports that are issued should be supplemented as rapidly as possible, until definite information as to soils is available for the entire valley.

The conditions already outlined—namely, the great actual and the much greater prospective importance of San Joaquin Valley as an agriculturally productive center—have led during the last decade to greatly increased interest in the possibility of adding to the acreage under irrigation, and hence to the output in food products.

Irrigation enterprises, like those based upon other industries, invariably pass through a pioneer stage, in which only the most easily

¹ Lapham, Macy H., and Heileman, W. H., Soil survey of the Hanford area, California: U. S. Dept. Agr., Bur. Soils, Field Operations 1901. The results of similar surveys are available for areas about Bakersfield, Modesto, Turlock, Madera, Fresno, Portersville, and Stockton.

accessible resources are utilized. In this stage the land holdings are large, the methods of application of water are wasteful, and the agricultural output is low. Only later, when the population becomes much more dense and the need of greater output is clearly recognized, do methods so improve that the ratio of output to area, to resources, and to investment becomes such as to satisfy reasonable economic demands.

In southern California irrigation methods have been carried to a greater degree of refinement than in any other section of the United States. When irrigation began there, during the first third of the nineteenth century, short crude ditches were constructed by which the waters utilized were diverted from the lower courses of the streams to near-by lands upon which they were turned, and the only products were grain and pasture, by which the flocks and herds were carried through the dry season. Such methods were in vogue until the late sixties and early seventies, when American settlers entered the country and attempted to utilize lands that had been regarded as entirely worthless. These settlers brought with them capital, and constructed their ditches on higher lines and in a much better manner than were the old Spanish zanjas. They applied water much less lavishly, to larger areas, and with much better unit results, and so by continued improvements of this type all of the surface waters were finally utilized to the best advantage. But settlers continued to flock to the region, and attention was then turned to the underground waters, which were developed at first only to supplement the surface supplies. Such reservoir sites as were available were also filed upon and made use of, and eventually many enterprises were started, some of which depended on a combination of surface and underground waters, and others on underground waters alone. Still later refinements resulted in the reconstruction of many of the old ditches, the replacement of open canals by underground pipes, and the elimination thereby of waste by seepage and evaporation. In the lower lands wells were drilled which yielded flowing water, and stream waters which had previously been utilized on these lower lands were diverted to the bench lands, where products of higher value could be grown.

As a result of this intensity of development it is probable that in no area in the United States are the waters so thoroughly utilized as in the region that lies south of the Tehachapi Mountains. In their passage from the mountains, where they originate in precipitation, to the sea, where they are lost, some portions of these waters are used as many as eight times—in power plants, in irrigation from surface streams, and finally by the recovery of that portion of the surface flow which, sinking into the alluvial fans, augments the supply in the underground reservoirs.

Much of San Joaquin Valley is still in the pioneer stage of irrigation development, depending almost exclusively on surface waters, and in a large part of the area waste is great, over-use is the rule, and, as a consequence, minimum production results from a maximum use of water. But the pioneer stage is passing. Engineers trained in more refined methods are entering the region and applying their training. Special communities, like those about Portersville and Lindsay, where citrus fruits are raised, have for a decade or more used deep ground waters, whose cost greatly exceeds that of surface waters where the latter are available in other parts of the valley. This relatively high cost is amply justified, however, in the citrus belt by the great value of the product

In other parts of the valley, as, for example, in the neighborhood of Corcoran, capitalists who had profited in other regions through the use of flowing artesian waters have undertaken to develop colonies by utilizing waters of this type, whose existence had been proved years before by the owners of large cattle ranches, who had put down wells to obtain water for stock.

In still other districts, as about Bakersfield, Stockton, and Fresno, isolated individual pumping plants have been installed within the last decade, and by their use lands whose owners had been unable to secure rights to the limited supply of surface waters have been brought within the productive zone.

INVESTIGATIONS BY THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

These more or less isolated experiments and their successful outcome have resulted in a widespread recognition of the fact that the productivity of San Joaquin Valley can be greatly increased by the utilization of the heretofore neglected ground-water resources. This recognition has been followed logically by a desire for specific information as to the quality, occurrence, accessibility, character, and proper use of waters of this type.

In response to this demand the Geological Survey and the Reclamation Service began a study of the ground-water resources of the valley in 1905. This work was continued as funds became available in 1906 and 1907 by the engineers and geologists of the Survey, and in 1908 a preliminary report ¹ was issued. The plan at that time in mind was to supplement the preliminary statistical study of developments by more comprehensive work on the geological conditions controlling the distribution and circulation of the ground waters, by a careful field reconnaissance of the chemical characteristics of the waters, since the preliminary work had revealed the importance of

¹ Mendenhall, W. C., Preliminary report on the ground waters of San Joaquin Valley, California: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 222, 1908.

this element in the problem, and by a careful study of pumping costs under various conditions as developed by the experience of irrigators in the valley. The pressure of work in other directions has rendered it impossible to carry out this plan fully. Further field geologic studies have not been possible, but the chemical reconnaissance was completed by R. B. Dole in the fall of 1910, and his report, long ready for publication, is included as a part of this volume. Herman Stabler examined a large number of pumping plants in the valley during the same season, and the results of his studies are also included for the benefit of water users in the valley.

Certain detailed data omitted from Water-Supply Paper 222 but forming the basis of many of the conclusions reached in it are also now published. The tables of wells examined and their costs, equipment, and yields are referred to especially. As a number of years have elapsed since the completion of these tables, they do not summarize the later developments. The addition of later wells would add to the mass of data rather than alter the conclusions to be drawn, however, so that their omission is not considered to be of great significance.

In the preparation of Plates I and II the topographic and engineering map of San Joaquin Valley issued by the California State Engineering Department in 1886 has been used as a foundation. Some additions and corrections have been made as a result of later surveys, especially those made by the United States Geological Survey about Bakersfield and along the southern and western borders of the valley, but the earlier map has been used substantially in its original form for the greater part of the valley. On Plate I (in pocket) the area in which flowing wells may be obtained has been outlined with as much accuracy as the information at hand permits. Beyond the limits of the belt of flowing wells the attitude of the ground-water plane has been indicated by hydrographic contours which are based on the elevations of the surface as indicated by the topographic sketch contours of the base map. Neither set of contours is accurate in detail, but it is believed that the relations between the two-that is, the depths to ground water at various points-are correct within a reasonable margin of error, so that the map will be of practical value. It must be remembered, in using this map, that ground-water levels do not everywhere remain constant. On the deltas and in the irrigated areas there is a more or less regular annual variation in level, the plane of saturation rising during the high-water period—the period of maximum irrigation in early summer—and falling during the low-water period in the autumn and early winter. the past there has been a marked permanent rise in the ground-water level in areas to which water has been applied by the construction of the large canals of the greater irrigation systems. This rise still continues in some localities, to which water has been applied for a number of years, and it will be marked in regions to which canal systems may be extended in the future, although the chief changes of this character have doubtless already been brought about. In one or two limited localities there is probably also a general decline in groundwater levels. It is not possible, of course, to indicate a varying water level by a single set of hydrographic contours. Those used indicate about the position and form of the water plane in the period from 1905 to 1907.

GEOGRAPHY OF THE VALLEY.

San Joaquin Valley and Sacramento Valley together constitute the Great Central Valley of California, with an area of nearly 16,000 square miles. (See fig. 1.) This level-floored depression is more than 500 miles long and varies from 20 to 50 miles in width. East of it the Sierra rises to an elevation between 14,000 and 15,000 feet above sea level, and west of it the lower Coast Ranges separate it from the Pacific. The greatest elevation of the Sierra is near its eastern edge and all its important drainage is westward toward the Great Valley, an important fact upon which the greater part of the actual and prospective agricultural value of the valley depends. The Coast Ranges are a series of parallel ridges of moderate elevation that inclose valleys, like those of the Salinas and Santa Clara, which, when not too arid, are highly productive.

The Great Valley itself exhibits little diversity in its physical aspect. Such differences as exist between its north and south ends are climatic, or, if physical, are directly due to climatic differences. Among local physical features based upon climatic differences may be mentioned the Tulare basin at the south end of San Joaquin Valley. The basin is due to the aridity of the region and the consequent extensive development of alluvial fans. Two of these, extending from Kings River on the east and Los Gatos Creek on the west side of the valley, have coalesced in a low ridge south of which lie the Tulare Lake and Kern Lake depressions. Basins different in character and situation, but originating nevertheless in climatic conditions, are the overflow basins of the Sacramento and the lower San Joaquin valleys, of which the Yolo basin may be mentioned as a type. These basins occupy the lowest portions of the flood plains just outside the ridges that form the immediate river banks.

The central valley opens to San Francisco Bay and thence to the Pacific through Carquinez Straits and the Golden Gate, and the combined drainages of the Sacramento and San Joaquin systems discharge through these gateways. Other passes, like the Tehachapi, the Tejon, and Walker Pass near the south end of San Joaquin Valley and the Livermore Valley gateway near Carquinez Straits, extend

across the mountain barriers that surround the central lowland, but they are not so low nor so pronounced as the central tidal gateway. In general it may be said that the Great Valley is completely inclosed except for this opening.

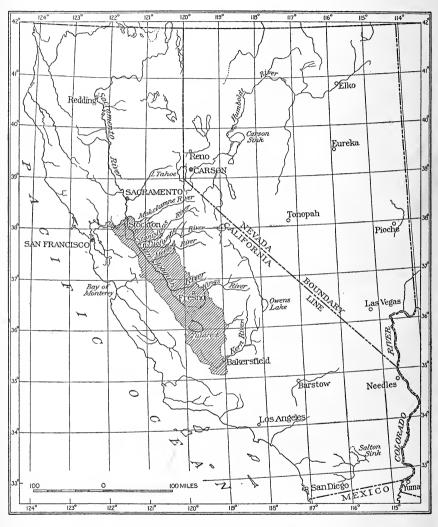


FIGURE 1.-Index map showing location of San Joaquin Valley (shaded area).

The larger lobe of the central depression, extending southward from Cosumnes River and Suisun Bay, is generally known as San Joaquin Valley, although it is not all drained directly by San Joaquin River and its tributaries. The southern, more arid third of the depression, extending from Kings River delta to Tehachapi Mountains, has no surface outlet under normal conditions, and the surplus surface waters accumulate in the Tulare Lake depression and Buena Vista

reservoir. Originally Kern Lake received a portion of the excess from Kern River, but through the protection afforded by a restraining dike water is kept out of it except when unusual floods break the restraining dam. The original lake bottoms have now become valuable wheat lands.

The streams that drain into the valley from the Sierra carry practically all of the water that reaches it. They are in every way more important than those that enter it from the west. They have larger drainage basins, individually and collectively; they have longer courses; and they flow from higher mountains, with a much greater rainfall and a better protective covering of forest and brush; hence their discharge is many times greater and much less erratic than that of the west-side streams.

The total drainage area¹ tributary to the valley from the Sierra is 16,089 square miles; from the Tehachapi and Coast ranges 4,293 square miles; and the area of the valley floor is 11,513 square miles. The total area of the San Joaquin basin is therefore 31,895 square miles.

The average run-off of the principal east-side streams north of Kings River, with a combined drainage area of 7,714 square miles, is about 8,700,000 acre-feet, while that of Kings, Kaweah, Tule, and Kern rivers, discharging into the Tulare basin from a watershed with an area of 4,871 square miles, is about 3,300,000 acre-feet. The total discharge into the valley from 12,585 square miles of Sierra watershed is therefore about 12,000,000 acre-feet.

The preponderance of east-side streams has given the valley floor its well-marked unsymmetrical form. The valley axis, the line of lowest depression, is throughout much nearer the western than the eastern foothills. In places it lies against these hills, but elsewhere, as between Los Gatos and Cantua creeks, the west-side slopes are 15 or 18 miles wide, at least one-half as wide as those of the east side. They are also steeper than those of the east. Grades of 20 or even 40 feet to the mile are not rare, and it is unusual for the grades to be less than 6 or 8 feet per mile. On the east side 30 feet to a mile is about the maximum gradient, while 5 feet or less is perhaps the average.

These conditions are due directly to the fact that the valley floor has been built up by the alluvial material eroded by the streams from the mountains east and west of the depression and deposited in it. The larger and more active streams build flatter but more extensive alluvial fans—the type that makes up the east-side slopes; the more erratic and torrential streams of smaller volume build the steeper and less extensive fans that constitute the west-side slopes.

¹Hall, W. H., Physical data and statistics of California, pp. 396 et seq., State Eng. Dept. California, 1886. 98205°—wsp 398—16——2

GEOLOGIC OUTLINE.1

ROCKS OF THE BORDER OF THE VALLEY.

In simplest outline, the geology of the eastern border of San Joaquin Valley consists of the "Bedrock series" of granites and metamorphic sedimentary and igneous masses of pre-Cretaceous age, overlain at the north and south ends of the valley in an interrupted band occupying a zone of low relief between the Sierra proper and the valley proper by a series of Tertiary sediments, entirely unaltered and including beds as old as the Eocene, although the great body of the material seems to be Miocene or Pliocene in age. Between San Joaquin River and Portersville this zone of late sediments is missing, and the sands and gravels of the valley proper lie upon the flanks of the granites and the metamorphic complex. Because of this hiatus the east-side Tertiary is separated into two bodies, of which the northern extends from Fresno River nearly to the Cosumnes, and the southern, conveniently designated as the Bakersfield area, extends from Deer Creek to Cañada de las Uvas.

The northern area of Tertiary rocks, which is chiefly in the Milton-Merced regions, includes a lower, clayey series that has been called the Ione formation, a middle zone of andesitic sandstone, coarse volcanic breccias, and tuffaceous beds, and an upper gravelly series that is in places auriferous. This upper series usually occurs along the most westerly foothills and merges at many points with the gravels and soils of the valley floor.

The southern area consists of alternating beds of soft sandstone, clay, and gravel, the uppermost beds being coarse, like those of the northern area, and scarcely distinguishable in some places from the alluvium of the valley itself.

The geology of the western margin of the valley contrasts in many ways with that of the eastern border. The oldest rocks of the Mount Diablo Range—the easternmost of the coast ranges—comprise a series of altered igneous and sedimentary rocks of Jurassic (?) age known as the Franciscan formation, which extends along the axis of the range from a point southwest of Coalinga to San Francisco Bay. Overlying them on the valley side, but not continuously, is a series of sandstones, shales, and conglomerates of Cretaceous and earliest Tertiary (Eocene) age. Succeeding these in turn is a variable series, locally of great thickness and usually but not always present in some of its members, representing the middle and upper Tertiary. These rocks, like the older sediments beneath them, are sandstones, shales, and conglomerates, but usually they are less firmly indurated than the Eocene and Cretaceous rocks. They overlie the latter unconformably and contain many unconformities within themselves, with a

Abstract from a manuscript by H. R. Johnson, on the geology of the borders of San Joaquin Valley.

resulting variability in thickness and irregularity in extent of individual beds. This series contains the siliceous shales generally spoken of in literature as the Monterey, besides a great variety and abundance of sandstones and conglomerates. Toward the top of the series are beds that clearly represent fresh water or subaerial deposition, undoubtedly much like that which is now taking place in Tulare Lake and in the west-side alluvial fans. As a whole the sedimentary series dips toward the valley, although interruptions like the anticline of the Kettleman and McKittrick hills in places vary the prevailing monoclinal dips. In general the structures of the valley border are more complex at the south end than along the middle portion and at the north.

The valley as a whole is a great structural trough and appears to have been such a basin since well back in Tertiary time. Since it assumed its general troughlike form, gradual subsidence, perhaps interrupted by periods of uplift, has continued and has been accompanied by deposition alternating at least along what is now its western border with intervals of erosion. This interrupted but on the whole continuous deposition seems to have been marine during the early and middle Tertiary; but during the later Tertiary and Pleistocene, when presumably the valley had been at least roughly outlined by the growth of the Coast Ranges, fresh-water and terrestrial conditions became more and more predominant, until the relations of land and sea, of rivers and lakes, of coast line and interior, of mountain and valley, as they exist now, were gradually evolved. As these conditions developed, the ancestors of the present rivers probably brought to the salt and fresh water bodies that occupied the present site of the valley and its borders, or, in the latest phases of the development, to the land surface itself, the clays, sands, gravels, and alluvium that subsequently consolidated into the shales, sandstones, and conglomerates of the late Tertiary and Pleistocene series, just as the present rivers are supplying the alluvium that is even now accumulating over the valley floor.

The very latest of these accumulations are the sand and silt and gravel beds penetrated by the driller in his explorations for water throughout the valley. They are like the early folded sandstones, shales, and conglomerates exposed along the flanks of the valley, except that they are generally finer, and are not yet consolidated or disturbed. The greater part, perhaps all of them, accumulated as stream wash on the valley surface or in interior lakes like the present Tulare Lake, but a proportion of the older sediment that is greater as we delve farther back into the geologic past accumulated in the sea or in salt bays having free connection with the sea. It is these very latest geologic deposits, saturated below the ground-water level by

the fresh water supplied chiefly by the Sierran streams, that constitute the reservoirs drawn upon by the wells, whether flowing or pumped, throughout the valley.

The chemical composition of the ground waters, as well as their occurrence and accessibility, is related to the geology. Where the valley alluvium is derived from the Cretaceous and Tertiary beds of the coast ranges, rich in gypsum and other readily soluble minerals, the ground waters contain large quantities of the salts. Where, on the other hand, the alluvium is derived from the granites and metamorphic rocks of the Sierra, whose potassium, sodium, and calcium compounds are in the form of difficultly soluble silicates, the ground waters under ordinary conditions contain very little of these salts.

Obviously if the sands and gravels through which the ground waters percolate were deposited under such conditions that salts were deposited with them, as in the salt water of the sea or of bays like San Francisco Bay, or in interior lakes that are saline through evaporation, as is true of Tulare Lake, then the ground waters themselves will quickly become saline, although when they leave the mountains as surface waters, before their absorption by the alluvial fans, they may be as pure natural waters as are known in the world.

ORIGIN OF THE PRESENT SURFACE OF THE VALLEY.

The lowland through the heart of California known as the Great Valley, whose origin as a depression appears, in accordance with the facts just outlined, to date well back into Tertiary time, owes its actual surface to more recent action and to more obvious agents. That surface is, in brief, a combination of the surfaces of a great number of alluvial fans, originating at the mouths of the canyons through which the tributary streams discharge from the mountains into the valley.

Each stream that enters the valley brings with it from the mountains a greater or a smaller quantity of sand, gravel, or bowlders. All or a part of this burden is deposited in the valley, and the deposit constitutes the alluvial fan of that particular stream. The apex of each fan is the mouth of the stream canyon. From this apex it broadens and flattens until it coalesces at its periphery with other fans. The stream that built it usually spreads delta-wise over it, discharging through a number of diverging channels into the trough of the valley. As a rule these spreading distributaries flow upon the surface of the fan, but some of the major streams from the San Joaquin northward are incised into the valley floor in trenches 100 feet or less in depth. This must be due to special conditions, such as recent change in volume of stream flow or in elevation of the land relative to the sea—conditions not yet understood.

The fans of different portions of the valley indicate by their mass and form the conditions of volume and distribution of rainfall under which they originated. The west-side fans, particularly those in the middle of the valley and near its southern end, are steep and symmetrical, forms characteristic of areas of low rainfall very irregularly distributed. The east-side fans are of much greater mass and lower slope because the rivers that built them have a greater flow of somewhat less irregular character. The Kern River fan has grown westward against the McKittrick hills until it has isolated the Buena Vista basin south of it. Before dams had been built, interfering with the natural conditions here, a shallow lake occupied the present site of Buena Vista reservoir and the old bed of Kern Lake. and during seasons of unusual rainfall there was overflow northward toward Tulare-Lake. The basin occupied by Tulare Lake is likewise due to the aridity of the valley and the consequent development of Kings River and Los Gatos Creek fans. South of the low, broad ridge due to the coalescing of these two fans is the Tulare basin, in which a part of the surplus water of the streams south of it accumulates. As a consequence of the flatness of this basin and the very erratic character of the supply that reaches it, the lake fluctuates widely in area during a series of years.

Northward from Tulare Lake basin the discharge of the streams is sufficiently great and sufficiently constant to prevent the formation of delta-dams like those formed by Kings River and Los Gatos Creek fans, and an open channel is maintained from the San Joaquin northward to Suisun Bay.

Along the lower course of the San Joaquin, conditions resemble those in Sacramento Valley—that is, they are the conditions usual along rivers draining humid rather than arid regions. Large areas are subject to regular annual inundation during the spring floods or are protected from this inundation only by artificial levees. The greater part of the water that inundates this area is supplied by the Sacramento system, but the greatest overflow occurs when the floods appear in the two systems at the same time.

The essential fact as to the present valley surface is that it is a direct result of stream action. It has everywhere been built up by deposition from the streams or from the fluctuating lakes that are themselves dependent upon the streams; and it is formed of materials brought by the streams from the mountainous portions of their drainage basins where they are eroding instead of depositing. Throughout the south end of the valley its surface is a combination of alluvial fan surfaces; at the north end of the valley these fans, less strikingly and typically developed because of the greater precipitation there, still predominate along the valley borders, while the center of the valley is a flood plain of the usual type.

SOILS.

As the valley surface has been molded by stream action into its present form, so the soils of the valley represent deposition by the rivers of materials washed out of the mountains from which they drain. This soil is modified in various ways after the streams have deposited it—by disintegration of the rock particles where the streams have left them, by the mingling of the products of vegetal decay where vegetation is abundant, or by chemical processes in place, such as the formation of hardpans or the accumulation of alkalies; but the soil foundation, so to speak, reflects pretty closely the type of rock outcropping in the drainage basin of the stream on whose delta the particular soils are found.

For example, the soils of the deltas of Kern and Kings rivers are in large part of granitic derivation, because granitic rocks form the greater part of the mountain drainage basin of each of these rivers. Their coarseness and the distribution of the coarse and fine phases are to a certain extent matters of accident, due to the location of present or past channels of the streams across their deltas; but in steep alluvial fans the coarser and more bowldery soils occur nearer the mountains. In the fans of those east-side streams from the Merced northward, whose lower courses at least are cut through late Tertiary formations containing a large percentage of lavas and derived products, other types of soil result.

The west-side streams, draining mountains practically free from granites and similar rocks but with soft serpentines, shales, and sand-stones, deposit fragments of those rocks in their alluvial fans, and the result is a soil type entirely different from that of the east side and south end of the valley. These shale, clay, serpentine, and sand-stone fragments disintegrate much more quickly than the granitic sands that contain large proportions of such resistant minerals as quartz and feldspar, and the result is the mellow, loamy soil with its fragments of siliceous shale that makes much of the west slope of the valley and is so productive whenever water can be applied to it.

Soil of another general class occurs at a few localities along the east side of the valley. This soil is not of alluvial fan origin, brought into the valley by the streams from the surrounding mountains, but is due to decay in place of the rocks underlying the particular area where it occurs. Soils of this class are found northeast of Fresno beyond Clovis, and in some of the coves like Clark Valley north of Reedley, and perhaps in other foothill valleys in the Portersville-Lindsay district. Some of the rolling wheat lands found in a zone along the eastern border of Stanislaus and Merced counties may also be regarded as derived from the decay of rock in place rather than from inwashed alluvial fan material, but as the rock is itself a late

Tertiary sediment differing but little from the alluvial fan material of the same area, the classification of the soils as residual rather than colluvial has no practical significance.

Another type of soil is neither more nor less than fine beach sand. This type is best developed in a zone surrounding Tulare Lake, and it represents the shore lines of that water body when it contained much more water than at present. In places this sand has been reworked by the wind—blown into inconspicuous dunes, as in the "Sand Ridge" near the Kings-Kern county line.

Finally, there are the soils of the "tule lands" and the "islands," the areas subject to overflow particularly along the lower course of the San Joaquin and its tributaries, but present, although less extensively developed, in other areas. These lands are black loams or adobes or impure peats, and when reclaimed are particularly adapted to certain classes of crops.

The Bureau of Soils of the Department of Agriculture has made detailed surveys of certain areas in San Joaquin Valley as the beginning of a general soil mapping of the entire valley. The sheets at present available cover areas about Stockton, Modesto, Turlock, Madera, Fresno, Hanford, Portersville, and Bakersfield. In the text of the reports and in the maps that accompany them, the soils are classified in great detail on a physical basis, and by a proper study of this classification the geologic origin of most of the soils may be traced.

Another task undertaken by the Bureau of Soils, of even greater immediate value, is the mapping of the alkalies.¹ This work is designed to afford suggestions as to the management and reclamation of alkali soils and prevention of the rise of the alkalies. When it has been completed for the entire valley it will be of great service in preventing sales of worthless lands to purchasers who buy in good faith with the idea of establishing homes. Many sales of this kind have been made in the valley, and any work that will tend to reduce their number is to be welcomed.

SURFACE WATERS.

The streams of San Joaquin Valley and their characteristics have been referred to incidentally in the preceding pages. These characteristics depend upon the physical geography of south-central California and the control which it exerts over climate. All of the perennial and important streams flow from the Sierra.

Precipitation within the Sierra district depends upon altitude, latitude, and longitude. Up to a certain limit precipitation increases

¹ Mackie, W. W., Reclamation of white-ash land affected with alkali at Fresno, California: U. S. Dept. Agr. Bur. Soils Bull. 42, 1907.

with increase of altitude; beyond that limit, which at the crossing of the Central Pacific is at Cisco, 6,000 feet above sea and 1,000 feet below the summit, precipitation decreases. Rainfall decreases also southward along the summit of the Sierra as well as in the valleys; and in those parts of the range, principally its southern portion, where altitude does not increase regularly from the western toward the eastern margin, so that the effect of longitude is not obscured by that of altitude, vegetation indicates less rainfall as the desert border of the range is approached.

Under these conditions, therefore, it is evident that the greatest discharge per unit of area will come from those streams with the greater proportion of their drainage basins farthest north, in the high part of the Sierra but west of the summit.

The following table has been compiled from tables of discharge in United States Geological Survey Water-Supply Papers 298 and 299 and unpublished records for July, August, and September, 1912, and shows the yearly discharge in second-feet per square mile for certain rivers draining the western slope of the Sierra. Values are for the year ending September 30.

Table 1.— Yearly discharge in second-feet per square mile of certain California rivers.

	1905-6	1906–7	1907-8	1908-9	1909–10	1910-11	1911-12
	1.00			1 00			
Kern River near Bakersfield		0.005		1.02	0.435	0.590	0. 247
Tule River at Portersville		0.805	0.423	1.50	. 608	. 631	. 258
Kaweah River near Three Rivers		1.58	. 670	2.13	.925	1.45	. 548
Kings River near Sanger	3.05	2.18	.819	2. 23	1.41	2. 24	. 764
San Joaquin River near Friant			.960	2.45	1.71	3.00	.878
Merced River near Merced Falls	2.58	2, 70	.656	1.89	1.35	2.69	. 651
Tuolumne River at Lagrange	3. 24	3.45	.987	2.45	1.91	3.15	. 967
Stanislaus River at Knights Ferry	3.51	4, 13	.876	2.81	2.01	3.43	. 863
Calaveras River at Jenny Lind				a 1.80	. 667	2.34	.219
Mokelumne River near Clements		3, 61	1.03	2.48	1.95	3. 30	.843
Cosumnes River at Michigan Bar			. 396	1.70	1. 22	2.31	.356
American River at Fairoaks		4.15	1.05	3. 32	2.56	3.98	.911
Bear River at Van Trent		3.84	. 988	2.78	1.35	2.70	.460
Yuba River near Smartsville		5. 10	1.80	4.41	3.03	4.00	1.28
Feather River at Oroville	2, 55	3.56	1.32	2.81	1, 71	2.66	. 791
			1				

a 11 months, October missing.

An examination of the above table shows that there is a general tendency toward increase in the discharge per square mile northward from the Kern to the Feather. Except Kern, Merced, Calaveras, Cosumnes, Bear, and Feather rivers the streams occupy comparable positions on the western slope of the Sierra and drain the areas of maximum precipitation for their respective latitudes. The rather regular increase northward may therefore be assigned with confidence to the effect of latitude on precipitation. The drainage basins of both the Feather and the Kern extend into the very eastern part of the Sierra beyond the zone of maximum precipitation, and the inferiority of run-off from their basins as compared with that of neighboring streams may be assigned, in part at least, to the effect of

longitude—that is, their basins extend so far east as to be measurably affected by desert conditions. Altitude may also be a factor since the Feather and the Kern drain portions of the range which are not so high as some of the intermediate areas. The deficiencies of Merced, Calaveras, Cosumnes, and Bear rivers may be in part ascribed to altitude and in part to longitude as the major portion of their areas does not extend to the summit of the range. The discharge of the principal east-side streams and the areas drained by each are summarized in the following table, compiled from the records of the State Engineering Department of California and from those of the United States Geological Survey.

The number of years of observations from which the average discharge was determined is also given. As the length of these records varies from four to twenty-two years it is obvious that they differ in value; but on the whole they supply a concrete indication of the average amount of water discharged into the San Joaquin Valley annually by its chief streams.

Table 2.—Mean annual run-off of streams from east side of San Joaquin Valley.

Stream.	Years of record.	Length of record.	Drain- age area.	Mean annual run-off.	Second- feet per square mile.
Kern and Tulare Lake basins: Kern River near Bakersfield Tule River near Portersville Kaweah River near Three Rivers. Kings River near Sanger San Joaquin River proper: San Joaquin River proper: San Joaquin River proper: An Joaquin River proper: San Joaquin River proper: San Joaquin River proper: An Joaquin River proper: San Joaquin River proper: San Joaquin River proper: Ban Joaquin River proper: San Joaquin River proper: San Joaquin River proper: Ban Joaquin River proper: San Joaquin River proper:	1879-1882,1893-1906,1908-1912. 1901-1912. 1903-1912. 1895-1912. 1878-1882,1896-1901,1907-1913. 1878-1884. 1878-1884.	11 9 17 15 6 6	Square miles. 2,345 266 520 1,740 1,640 268 . 122 166	Acre-feet. 695,000 137,000 506,000 1,940,000 1,944,000 111,000 33,100 47,200	0.409 .711 1.34 1.54 1.64 .571 .375
Merced River near Merced Falls. Tuolumne River near Lagrange. Stanislaus River at Knights Ferry.	1878-1882, 1901-1912 1878-1882, 1895-1913 1878-1882, 1895-1900, 1903-1913.	22	1,090 1,548 1,035	1,200,000 2,050,000 1,390,000	1.52 1.18 1.86
Calaveras River at Jenny Lind. Mokelumne River near Clements Dry or Jackson Creek at foot- bills.	1908–1912. 1878–1881, 1901, 1903–1913. 1878–1884.	4 14 6	395 631 283	351,000 988,000 172,000	1. 23 2. 16 . 841
Cosumnes River at Michigan Bar.	1907–1913	6	536	400,000	1.03
Total			12,585	11,964,300	

Note.—Compiled from Water-Supply Paper 299. The records for 1878 to 1884 were collected by the State Engineering Department of California; many of them, however, were estimates based on run-off of adjacent streams. These estimated records have been omitted from the above compilation when records for other years were available.

The high-water period of the Sierra streams comes during the late spring and early summer months, when the snow accumulated in the winter is melting most rapidly from the mountains; the low-water flow comes during the late summer and fall months after the snows are gone and before the winter rains have begun. These characteristics are illustrated in the following table of monthly discharge of Kings River for 1906, as determined by the United States Geological Survey:

Worth	Discharge in second-feet.				
Month.	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	acre-feet.	
January Pebruary March April May June July August September October November December	2,150 21,000 7,760 16,800 26,600 22,400 7,900 2,020 682	205 792 1, 220 2, 960 3, 930 8, 320 8, 180 1, 870 682 385 330 330	2,360 1,150 5,240 4,720 10,700 17,100 16,300 4,300 1,120 516 397 700	144,000 63,900 322,000 281,000 658,000 1,020,000 264,000 66,600 31,700 23,600 43,000	

Each of the major streams discharges from the mountains upon the eastern edge of the valley in a single channel, but after reaching the valley it usually divides into a number of branches, thus spreading over its delta. This characteristic is most marked in the streams that flow into the southern end of the valley, for many of the northern tributaries are incised in the valley floor and are thus confined between definite banks. This distribution is much more pronounced during the high-water period of early summer than at other seasons of the year. A main channel of sufficient capacity to carry the lowwater flow proves inadequate during the flood period, and there is then overflow into the numerous subsidiary channels.

The natural habit of all of the main streams has of course been extensively modified by irrigation. Canal systems now take from the channels practically all of the low-water flow and an important percentage of the maximum early summer flow. These systems have been described by Grunsky.²

The west-side streams are practically negligible as factors in the San Joaquin Valley water supply. Only a few of them are perennial, and the late summer flow of these is so slight that a few acres at most can be irrigated by their use. A trifling amount of irrigation of this type is accomplished by utilizing the waters from Los Gatos Creek, Cantua Creek, and others.

¹ U.S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 213, p. 159, 1907.

² Grunsky, C. E., U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Papers 17, 18, and 19. These papers are no longer available for distribution, but they may be consulted in libraries.

OCCURRENCE AND UTILIZATION OF GROUND WATER.

By W. C. MENDENHALL.

ORIGIN OF THE GROUND WATER.

The ground water of San Joaquin Valley has precisely the same origin as its surface water—namely, the rainfall and snowfall in the drainage basins tributary to the valley. It is in reality simply that portion of the surface water that sinks into the sands and gravels of the valley floor and makes the rest of its journey seaward by slow percolation through the pores between the sand grains.

One of three things happens to the water that reaches the earth's surface as precipitation: (1) It returns directly to the air by evaporation from plant, soil, or water surfaces; or (2) it flows to the sea in surface streams; or (3) it sinks into the ground and joins the body of water that saturates the soil particles below the ground-water level. It is with the latter part of the precipitation on the nearly 32,000 square miles of area included in San Joaquin Valley and the mountain watershed tributary to it that we have to deal.

In the outline of the geologic history of the valley it has been pointed out that its entire surface is made up of the surfaces of contiguous alluvial fans, and that the valley is underlain to a depth that can not be determined accurately, but that doubtless runs into thousands of feet, by porous, unconsolidated, alluvial-fan material, mingled, in some areas, with lake deposits. This material has been transported from the mountains to the valley by the agency of running water. Many times its own volume of water has passed through and over it in the course of its removal from the mountains to the valley. It was deposited by and in water and has been more or less continuously saturated ever since.

A large but quite undeterminable portion of the run-off from the mountains each year sinks and joins the ground water. Of the 3,300,000 acre-feet discharged annually into the valley south of the Kings River-San Joaquin divide, only the small portion that spills northward from Kings River itself reaches the sea over the surface, because there has been no outflow from Tulare Lake for forty years. The greater part evaporates or sinks to join the underground supply. Northward from Kings River the surface waters are greater in volume than south of it and serve effectually to keep the sands and gravels beneath them saturated.

UNDERGROUND CIRCULATION.

Ground waters near the surface usually move slowly in the direction of the surface slope and at rates that vary with the gradient of the slope and the coarseness of the material through which they percolate. The freedom of the outlet by which they escape is also important. They may be ponded by a restricted outlet just as surface waters may. Measurements of rates of ground-water movements in San Joaquin Valley are not available, but facts stated in the following paragraph indicate pretty plainly the conditions that probably prevail:

1. The alluvial fans that make up the valley floor are generally of low slope and fine material. The fans of the Cañada de las Uvas and of San Emigdio Creek, at the south end of the valley, and of Pala Prieta and Los Gatos creeks on the west side are exceptions; but the streams that have produced them contribute so small a proportion of the ground waters that they may be disregarded. 2. The general slope of the lowest line of the valley, from the south to the north, is not only not continuous, in that it is interrupted by ridges like that north of the Tulare basin, but it averages only about 1 foot to the mile, a very low gradient for a semiarid region. 3. The wells drilled throughout the valley prove that the sediments underlying it are all fine. 4. The surface outlet of the San Joaquin and Sacramento drainage is by way of Suisun Bay and the straits of Carquinez to San Francisco Bay; but the straits are restricted, and it is not probable that bedrock lies far beneath the surface in their vicinity. In short, there is no adequate outlet for the ground waters of the Great Valley, which is canoe-shaped, with only a notch in the rim at the straits through which the surface waters spill. All these conditions favor slow movement of the ground waters about the borders and at the ends of the valley, with their practical stagnation along the lower San Joaquin because there is no adequate outlet for them there. To be sure, capillarity and evaporation afford some slight escape for the ground waters as they approach the surface in their slow movement along the valley axis. The great alkali areas of the west slope and of the valley trough indicate escape of ground waters, because it is by this escape that the alkalies are concentrated at the surface; but the outlet provided in this way is of slight consequence when compared with the total body of ground waters.

The belief that there is little movement in the subsurface waters of the lower San Joaquin is strengthened by a consideration of their chemical characteristics. Some of the ground waters of the upper deltas of the east side are among the purest waters of this type known, while those from the shallow flowing wells of the bottom of Tulare Lake and from the deeper wells of the north end of the valley are so

heavily charged with mineral matter as not to be potable or suitable for irrigation purposes. Ground waters dissolve the soluble minerals from the rock fragments—the clay, sand, or gravel particles with which they are in contact. The amount thus dissolved depends upon the chemical combinations in which the minerals exist, some being much more soluble than others, and upon the length of time during which the waters are in contact with them. In general, the alkalics in the sands and gravels of the east side are in the most resistant form, the silicates of the granitic debris from the Sierra; the alkalies of the sands and gravels of the west side are in less resistant form, the sulphates and carbonates of the Cretaceous and Tertiary shales and sandstones; hence the ground waters of the high parts of the east slopes of the valley, which move with comparative rapidity, are much purer than the waters from similar situations on the west side. Furthermore, the volume of water poured out upon the east-side fans is many times greater than that discharged upon the west side, so that the alkalies dissolved are greatly diluted. But down in the trough of the valley, especially near its north end, the ground waters contain a much larger percentage of salts, even than those of the west side. If there were rapid circulation of ground waters here, this condition should not exist, for the dissolved salts should be gradually carried out. The fact that the waters are highly mineralized is regarded then as additional evidence of sluggish circulation, or perhaps practical stagnation.

QUANTITY OF GROUND WATER.

Little need be said of the quantity of ground water in the valley, for two reasons: The first is that although it is clear that the quantity is enormous, it is not possible to estimate it with any exactness; the second is that the actual quantity is not of so much importance in its use as its accessibility and the rapidity with which it is restored when withdrawn.

The area of the valley is about 11,500 square miles. The depth of the sands and gravels which are saturated with the ground waters is probably not less than a mile at the maximum, and may be much more. The average depth is equally unknown, but wells 1,000 or 2,000 feet deep, or even more, that are scattered throughout the valley, do not reach the bottom of the unconsolidated sands and gravels; so it may safely be assumed to be one-quarter of a mile and more. At this depth, nearly 3,000 cubic miles of sands, gravels, and clays are saturated with ground water, and if the porosity is 20 per cent the conclusion is reached that 600 cubic miles of water underlies the valley—certainly both a sufficiently conservative and a sufficiently startling estimate. But this includes waters of all qualities, some not usable, and some lying at great depths and not accessible.

ACCESSIBILITY AND AVAILABILITY OF GROUND WATER.

One of the most important elements in the cost of ground water, of course, is its accessibility, by which is generally meant the depth at which it stands beneath the surface; but the depth of boring necessary to develop it and, if pumped, the amount that it is drawn down when the pumps are in operation are also important elements.

The cheapest waters in general are those that flow out at the surface, even though deep wells may be necessary to develop them and the initial cost may therefore be great. But these waters may not always be most available, because they are to be had only in the lower parts of the valley, where, because of climatic conditions and alkalinity of soil, many of the lands are less valuable than those farther up the slopes. Generally speaking, about the borders of the valley the ground waters lie at the shallowest depths in the deltas and at the greatest depths in the interareas. The flood channels and the irrigation ditches are the lines along which recharge of the ground waters is effected; hence in their vicinity the ground-water level lies near the surface and the pumping lift is at a minimum.

Beneath the higher parts of the west-side slopes, unfortunately, where water is most needed, it is not accessible. The conditions here illustrate well the dependence of the ground water upon local surface supply. Surface run-off is most limited in this area and the ground water lies at too great depth for profitable utilization.

DEVELOPMENT OF GROUND WATER.

The development of ground water in the valley is as yet in its infancy. It does not compare in intensity with that in southern California, where, with an irrigated district of perhaps a quarter of a million acres, there are nearly 3,000 flowing wells, costing about \$675,000 and yielding nearly 200 cubic feet of water per second, and at least 1,500 pumping plants in which \$2,500,000 or more is invested, by which an average of nearly 300 cubic feet per second of water is produced. Other minor wells increase the investment, but add little to the product. The total estimated investment in the development of ground water, exclusive of the distribution systems, is about \$5,000,000 in this restricted district and the water produced is approximately 500 cubic feet per second. For comparison with this development south of the Tehachapi, the following estimates have been prepared from the records obtained by the United States Geological Survey in 1905–1907 to indicate the relatively meager development in San Joaquin Valley at that time.

Table 4.—Ground-water development in San Joaquin Valley in 1906.

County.	Num- ber of arte- sian wells.	Esti- mated cost.	Esti- mated yield.	Num- ber of pump- ing plants.	Esti- mated cost, well and plant.	Esti- mated capacity.	Estimated output (one-sixth capacity).	Total cost.	Total yield.
			Sccft.			Secft.		**	Secft.
Kern	112	\$161,400	73, 46	104	\$138,632	255, 84	42, 64	\$300,032	116.1
Tulare	124	189, 968	23, 31	191	244, 098	162. 72	a 54, 24	434, 066	77. 55
Kings		112, 959	19.3	3	1,530	1.34	. 24	114, 489	19.5
Fresno	40	40,000	7.5	28		30	5		12.50
Madera	31	13, 237	7.81	17	44,931	40.8	6.8	58, 168	14. 61
Merced	133	48,013	7.95	43	46,700	40.93	6.82	94, 713	14. 77
Stanislaus	5	3, 830	1	9		8.35	1.39		2, 39
San Joaquin			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	202	123, 836	250	41.67		41.67
	522	569, 407	140. 33	597	599, 727	759. 98	158, 80	1,001,468	299. 13

a One-third capacity.

The data on which these estimates were based were neither so complete nor so satisfactory as those used in southern California, and therefore the conclusions must be regarded as suggestive rather than as accurate in detail. As an example of one of the weak points in the estimates, attention may be called to the column in which the output of the pumping plants is recorded. Generally these plants are used in the irrigation of alfalfa or of garden products. Some of them are independent sources of water; others are auxiliary to gravity waters and are used only when the latter are not available; some are in the southern part of the valley, where the rainfall is less than 5 inches; others are in the northern part of the valley, where the rainfall is more than twice as heavy, and where on this account less water need be applied artificially. Of course the pumps are not in constant operation anywhere, but the percentage of the year that they are run varies with local conditions. No exact estimate of this percentage can be made, but it has been assumed in the estimates that the pumps are operated the equivalent of two months continuously, hence, that their output for the year is one-sixth of what it would be were they in constant operation. This estimate is more likely to be too high than too low. In one county, Tulare, which includes the Portersville, Exeter, and Lindsay citrus districts, a larger factor is used. Most of the pumps in this county are used for citrus irrigation, and it is assumed here that their output is onethird of what it would be were they in continuous operation. estimate should not be excessive.

Accepting the estimates, then, as they are, we find that in San Joaquin Valley there were in 1905-6 between 500 and 600 flowing wells and a somewhat greater number of pumping plants, representing an investment between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 and yielding in the neighborhood of 300 cubic feet per second. The number of wells then was about one-fourth that of southern California, the investment one-third, and the product about one-half, although the total irrigable

area of San Joaquin Valley is nearly 10 times that of the southern field and the ground waters available are probably in similar ratio. This comparison, even though the figures upon which it is based are not complete, gives a graphic idea of the development that may yet be accomplished in central California by the full use of the ground-water resources.

A later review of ground-water development and conditions has been prepared by S. T. Harding and Ralph D. Robertson.¹ Their conclusions, based largely on the data herein presented but supplemented by some later statistical information, may be quoted:

It is estimated in this report [Water-Supply Paper 222] that the ultimate amount of ground water developed may be 10 times that then developed in southern California, or 5,000 cubic feet per second. At that time [1905-6] about 300 cubic feet per second was being developed in the San Joaquin Valley. This has been more than doubled since. If 5,000 cubic feet per second is obtained for six months of the year, it will equal a total of 1,810,000 acre-feet, or approximately 15 per cent of the total mean annual discharge of the streams at the edge of the valley. Considering the generally open structure of the subsoils, the seepage of this amount or more can be considered as reasonable. Increase in gravity irrigation should increase the quantity reaching ground supplies. Ground water in sufficient quantity for irrigation can be obtained in all parts of the valley proper, except in the west-side areas. In the lower valley floor artesian flow can be secured, although this is not extensively used for irrigation. While the quantities available decrease and the lifts required increase from the valley trough to the east-side foothills, the value of the products which can be grown increases, so that the highest development may be found in the regions of smallest ground-water supply. As pumping for irrigation requires both an initial cost and an operation expense that are plainly evident to irrigators, the pumped water is generally used more economically than that from gravity canals. As a large portion of the water at present pumped is used to supplement the water received from canals, it is not reasonable to expect the area irrigated from ground water will be entirely additional to that irrigated from canals. While any estimate of the total possibilities of the ground supplies must be liable to much uncertainty, the area eventually irrigated wholly by this means will certainly be several times that at present supplied and may reach a total of 600,000 acres. While use of ground water will be rather general throughout the lower valley floor and east-side plains, the largest use will be where gravity supplies are the least accessible, as in San Joaquin County, or where supplemental pump supplies are the most profitable, as in the Fresno district.

VALUE OF THE WATERS FOR IRRIGATION.

Although the ground waters of the valley have been known and used in minor ways practically ever since its settlement, it is nevertheless true that the movement for their extensive utilization as sources of irrigation supply is a late phase of development, for many of the earlier attempts to make use of them resulted in failure.

Among the causes that have contributed to past failures may be mentioned: Application of the developed waters to poor lands;

¹ Harding, S. T., and Robertson, R. D., Irrigation resources of central California; California Conservation Comm. Rept. for 1912, pp. 172-240.

wasteful methods of application; dependence on the continuance of artesian flow; lack of adjustment to the greater cost of pumped waters as compared with that of the gravity waters upon which reliance has heretofore been placed; lack of intensive farming methods and of proper adaptation of crops to soil and locality; too large farm units; and, in a few cases, inadequate transportation facilities.

The most potent of all these causes has been the prevalence of the easy-going methods of the pioneer—the careless, wasteful habits that are a direct inheritance from the grazing and grain-raising period which has not yet passed from the valley. Land and such waters as are utilized have cost little heretofore in San Joaquin Valley, and things that cost little are lightly valued, no matter what their intrinsic worth. This spirit is fostered by the immense holdings of some of the larger companies. Few of these companies practice intensive cultivation, though their lands are among the best in the valley. Usually hay and grain are raised to feed through the dry season the stock that is in pasture during the grazing period. But although not as a rule intensely cultivated and by no means producing the maximum of food products or supporting the largest possible population, most of the large holdings are more carefully and successfully managed than the quarter section of the small farmer.

Despite all obstacles and discouragements, however, the use of ground waters is gradually extending. Special high-priced products like the citrus fruits of the Portersville-Lindsay district justify heavy expenditures for production, and ground water has long been successfully used in this section. The success of pumping water to great heights to irrigate the specially early citrus fruits of this region is fully demonstrated, the acreage devoted to these products is constantly extending, and the yield is increasing rapidly as groves planted

recently approach maturity.

Irrigation by means of pumped ground water is also proving successful under the entirely different conditions that exist about Lathrop, Lodi, and Stockton, in San Joaquin County. Several hundred small pumping plants are in operation in this county, the greater number of which have been installed within a few years. By their use alfalfa, vineyards, and varied crops of fruits and vegetables are successfully grown. Windmills also are extensively used, often with auxiliary gas engines attached to the same well. The area in which this type of irrigation is practiced is closely settled, houses are neat, prosperous looking, and well cared for, the villages and cities which supply the country trade and market the products are flourishing, and altogether there is every evidence of successful endeavor and abundant prosperity.

Still other communities whose existence depends upon the utilization of ground waters are the recently established colonies in Kings,

Tulare, and Kern counties, of which the Corcoran settlement is a type. This particular locality is within the artesian basin, and a group of deep wells yield flowing waters which are utilized for all purposes. As a result, successful dairy farms have been established, sugar beets are raised, and a factory has been built for the manufacture of sugar from them.

It is thus evident that there is a gradual awakening to the value of the ground waters and their usability, although in many localities the advocate of the use of these waters is still met by the statement that they can not be developed and applied at a profit under agricultural conditions as they now exist. It is true that the pumped waters are more expensive than the ditch waters, whose cost as a rule is very low. The average cost of current for pumping the water used by the Kern County Land Co. near Bakersfield, with an average lift of 30 feet, is \$1.29 per second-foot for 24 hours on the basis of a charge of 15 cents per horsepower per hour for electric current, whereas the charge for surface water in the same locality is 75 cents per secondfoot for 24 hours—that is, the current for pumping the ground water costs more than the surface water. When it is remembered, however, that almost universally in San Joaquin Valley water is used in great excess, to the immediate and ultimate injury not only of the lands to which it is applied but of adjacent lands; that on many of the delta lands there is as yet but little intensive cultivation, and that therefore the margin of profit is low; that there is an important proportion of large holdings and absentee ownership dependent upon inefficient hired labor; and above all that, in the midst of the communities in which it is asserted that pumped waters can not be profitably used in agriculture individuals may generally be found who are using them with striking success; when all of these things are taken into consideration, it may be asserted with confidence that the greatest increase in the agricultural development in this valley in the future will be brought about by a utilization of the ground-water supplies, whose development has only begun and whose value is as yet but faintly realized.

It will probably be true in the future, as it has been in the past, that side by side with successful attempts at the utilization of ground waters will be unsuccessful attempts, and that the general movement for full realization upon this asset will be checked here and there by conspicuous failures widely advertised. This is a condition that always arises in any general advance. Each failure should teach its individual lesson as to a particular way not to undertake development or to apply water, and should not be interpreted as an argument against the usefulness of the resource under proper conditions, for the fundamental facts remain that ground waters exist beneath the floor of San Joaquin Valley in immense volume and that over wide areas they are of high quality and very accessible.

They are certain, therefore, to be widely used in the future, and by their use hundreds of thousands of acres now arid and unproductive will be brought to yield handsomely.

The development of the ground waters under the conditions that exist at present, when the chief argument against them is their cost as compared with that of the surface waters which have set the standard, should follow two or three lines.

In the first place, pumping plants in the higher parts of the delta lands should be used as adjuncts to insufficient gravity supplies. supply of the gravity waters during the flood months of May, June, and July is from 2 or 3 to 15 or 20 times that available during the months of August, September, and October, when many crops are maturing. As a consequence many owners of late rights to gravity waters secure a portion of the flow during the early high-water period, but are left without it during the low-water period, when there is only sufficient to satisfy the earliest rights. Such owners often have enough gravity water for one or two early irrigations, but not more. Under present conditions, therefore, the maturing of late crops is a precarious matter with them, and they are confined practically to those products which will yield returns when irrigated only in the spring or early summer. This is a serious handicap, as it greatly limits the range of their agricultural activity and often condemns their land to idleness during half of the year. By the installation of pumping plants, to be operated only when gravity waters are not available, this handicap is removed, and yet the cost of irrigation is much less than where no surface waters are available and pumps must be operated continuously.

In the second place, in districts that have a market for garden products or for those special farm products whose value and yield justify some expense in their production, as sweet potatoes, celery, asparagus, or onions, the small land owner can well afford to install an individual pumping plant independent of surface supplies. The same method will be successful with crops that require only one or two irrigations a year, as, for example, some of the fancy varieties of grapes that are now raised so profitably in the northern part of the valley.

Another line to be followed in development is the utilization of flowing artesian waters. Along the axis of the valley is a zone with an area of about 4,300 square miles within which flowing waters are available. Over perhaps two-thirds of this area the flowing waters are sufficiently pure to be suitable for use in irrigation.

None of these lines along which it is suggested that ground waters may be used are experiments. Each has been followed successfully in some of the communities in the valley, although in other sections quite as favorably situated the investigator will be told that pumped

or flowing waters can not be used profitably. Communities, like individuals, fall into ruts, acquire bad habits, and lose the power of initiative. In this condition they may overlook or fail to utilize some of their most valuable assets.

In the course of this investigation nearly 4,000 wells in the valley have been examined and data collected as to depth, yield, cost, etc. Among them are many flowing wells. For most of the wells the data are incomplete, but from the records available the following averages have been determined:

Table 5.—Average size, depth, yield, cost, etc., of flowing wells.

County.	Number aver- aged.	Average diameter (inches).	Depth (feet).	Yield (miner's inches).a	Average cost.	Annual interest on cost at 8 per cent.	Interest charge per miner's inch per year.
Kern. Kings. Tulare. Fresno. Merced	10	10	621	53. 3	\$1,545	\$123.60	\$2. 30
	7	9	1,037	30	2,555	204.40	6. 81
	32	8	745	26	1,711	136.88	5. 26
	7	8	936	20	1,540	123.20	6. 16
	16	7	350	5½	470	37.60	6. 84

a A California miner's inch equals 0.02 second-foot.

These averages are based upon the actual experience of owners of wells already drilled and flowing. They therefore have a definite value as a basis for estimating costs of artesian waters to be obtained as a result of future developments. They may be compared with the charge made on the Kern delta for gravity water, namely, 75 cents per second-foot for 24 hours, equivalent to \$5.47 per miner's inch per annum.

In comment upon the table it is to be said that the Kern County average is too low, because it happens that among the wells for which sufficiently complete data exist for computing these averages there were one or two of exceptionally great yield that have unduly raised the average yield and reduced the cost, thereby giving a figure lower than that which will probably be realized in future development.

It must be remembered further that the figures are based on the assumption that the entire year's flow will be utilized. This assumption can be realized only by the construction of reservoirs in which the water will be stored during the nonirrigating season for use when wanted. Such construction will add to the cost and will reduce the supply in three ways: (1) By a reduction of flow because of the increased height of delivery necessary to discharge into a reservoir; (2) through loss by evaporation from the surface of the reservoir; (3) through loss by seepage from the reservoir.

The uncertainty as to the amount that will be delivered by any artesian well is another disturbing factor in making exact calcula-

tions. The area within which flowing waters are procurable has been outlined with approximate accuracy, but the yield of any well can be determined only after the well has been sunk and the necessary capital invested in it. Some of the wells used in computations have delivered much more than the average supply and so have yielded exceptionally cheap waters; others have delivered less than the average, and their waters are correspondingly expensive.

Another condition that must be realized is this: When the number of wells drawing from the artesian supply is greatly increased in any particular neighborhood, the wells interfere and the yield of each is lessened. When the maximum acreage is dependent on artesian flow under these conditions, the installation of pumping machinery may become necessary in order to insure the continuance of an ade-

quate water supply.

As against these disadvantages, which have been rather fully outlined, as is essential in any frank and therefore useful discussion, are to be placed regularity and relative constancy of the supply and its availability at all times, as compared with the fluctuations of surface waters unavailable except during the flood season to any but the owners of the oldest rights. An added advantage where the landowner owns his well is his complete control over his water supply. He may irrigate when and how he will, and thus most economically, and is not dependent upon the adjustment of supply among a number of users from a common source.

QUALITY OF THE WATERS.

By R. B. Dole.

IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY.

The wide range in the mineral content and consequently in the usefulness of the ground waters of San Joaquin Valley makes it necessary to know their composition before undertaking water projects involving any considerable expenditure. Most of the surface run-off may be used indefinitely in irrigation without deleterious effect, and ground water nearly as good can be obtained in many parts of the region, while certain aquifers yield supplies abundant in quantity but so highly mineralized that they are poisonous to vegetation. the estimation of the railroad locator the amount of dissolved solids throughout the entire area is such as to make the quality of the water supplies equal in importance to quantity. Softening plants are necessary on the west side, and railroads are obliged to haul water to several stations, where the available supplies are unfit for steaming. In further extension of railroads through some townships the difficulty of procuring supplies that can be rendered suitable for locomotives will doubtless make quality of water the determining factor in the location of tanks, stations, and roundhouses. The wineries, breweries, ice factories, and laundries also must have water of proper quality, and the establishment of paper mills, strawboard mills, starch factories, sugar works, and other water-consuming mills of industries closely related to modern farming will make the quality of this important raw material a still more pressing problem. present the needs of irrigation turn attention to all possible sources, because the demands of intensive farming have so far exceeded the available surface supply that underground waters are largely utilized and are depended on exclusively in some districts. This rapidly increasing draft on the ground reservoirs will ultimately bring about complete utilization of all supplies that can be safely applied under careful supervision and improved methods of irrigation.

Study of the chemical characteristics of water in this region is particularly interesting because of the great variety of conditions that affect the mineral content. The east side of the valley, filled with alluvium derived from hard, difficultly soluble rocks and furnished with water from the granitics of the Sierra, yields supplies entirely distinct in composition from those of the alluvium of the west side, which has been washed down from the gypsiferous sedimentaries of

the Coast Range. The amount of rainfall decreases southward from that of the semihumid country around Suisun Bay to that of the arid region in lower Kern County, the average annual precipitation at Lodi being about 18 inches, at Fresno 9 inches, and at Bakersfield only 5 inches. Both ground and surface waters are affected in composition not only by this progressive decrease of precipitation from north to south but also by the equally apparent difference in the amount of water received by the two sides of the valley. As the total precipitation on the west slopes of the Sierra is much greater than that on the cast side of the Coast Range the streams of the east side of the valley exceed those of the west side in size and number, and a proportionate difference in quantity of ground water is reflected in its composition. A relation between topography and quality is traceable in the low ridges of the deltas, which favor the deposition of salts by confining strong solutions in small basins, thus establishing tracts where wells yield highly mineralized water. Changes in mineral content due to irrigation are shown by dilution of normal water in some sections and accumulation of alkali in others. The influence of these conditions of climate, geology, and economic development on the composition of the mineral matter makes study of the water instructive and pleasurable, while the agricultural and industrial interests that are involved render the results of great immediate value.

SOURCES OF DATA.

Most of the conclusions regarding the quality of the ground waters are based on the results of 400 partial assays made by the writer during the fall of 1910. Information regarding the effect of the waters in irrigation, steaming, and other uses was obtained by visiting about 500 wells. The general plan of the field study was to travel back and forth across the axis of the valley and to test as many samples as possible from wells of different depths near what was clearly recognized as the critical area—that along the axial line. Though this scheme was generally successful wells sufficiently varied in depth could not be found in some localities, and the onset of the rainy season finally prevented the completion of studies in Kern County. Fifty samples of water were analyzed by Mr. F. M. Eaton, of San Francisco, in order to supply more complete information regarding certain sources and to afford a check on the field assays. In addition a few waters were analyzed by Mr. Walton Van Winkle. The locations of the waters that have been tested are shown in Plate II (in pocket).

The quality of the surface waters was so thoroughly investigated by Van Winkle and Eaton¹ that it was not necessary to make any further tests, and statements herein about the mineral content of the surface waters are based entirely on their work.

¹Van Winkle, Walton, and Eaton, F. M., The quality of the surface waters of California: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 237, 1910.

Valuable knowledge regarding the composition of the ground waters is afforded by miscellaneous analyses performed at the agricultural experiment station of the University of California; as these analyses are in such form that it is not practicable to incorporate them in the general part of this report they are appended in a separate table. Special acknowledgment is due to Mr. Howard Stillman, engineer of tests, Southern Pacific Co., and to Mr. W. A. Powers, chief chemist of the Santa Fe Railway Co., for placing at the disposal of the Survey analyses of the water supplies along the rights of way of these railroads.

CONDITIONS OF COLLECTION OF SAMPLES.

Though the mineral content of water from shallow wells in humid regions is materially lessened by the dilution following heavy rainfall, an opposite effect is produced by similar rainfall in areas of low precipitation because the water in a humid region percolates downward through layers that have been deprived of their easily soluble matter by long-continued leaching, whereas the sinking water on arid land dissolves the alkali in the upper soil and carries more or less of it into the wells, which ordinarily draw their supplies from below the belt of concentrated alkali. As the dry soils in arid regions are either highly absorbent or impervious occasional light rains do not affect shallow wells, but long-continued transmission of such nearly pure water, such as occurs near canals and in dry watercourses, removes the soluble salts from the ground so that shallow wells in the immediate vicinity yield better water than those farther away. Deep wells are certainly affected by long-continued periods of drought or rainfall, but how soon, to what extent, and in what manner are problems for which there is only theoretical solution. Consequently, as the concentration of shallow-well waters in San Joaquin Valley might be changed by heavy rainfall the conditions of precipitation during the year in which the samples were taken may be noted.

/D 0 T 7		· ~ T	T7 77 7 1 4040 1
TABLE 6.—Inches	of precipitation	ın San Joaquın	Valley during 1910.1

Station.	County.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year.
Lodi	San Joaquindododododododo	2. 35 3. 24 1. 90 2. 95 1. 56 1. 99 2. 10 3. 22 . 67 1. 22 2. 00	1.76 2.26 1.20 .83 .55 .28 .48 .30	2. 53 3. 70 3. 28 3. 00 2. 60 1. 88 2. 03 1. 40 1. 28 1. 09 1. 66	0.15 .17 .00 .344 .72 .18 .83 .00 .49 .27	0. 02 . 05 . 00 . 06 . 01 . 00 . 00 Tr.	Tr. 0.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	0.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .0	0.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	0. 46 . 50 . 29 . 20 . 52 . 30 . 25 . 75 1. 00 1. 50	0. 32 .388.10 .16 .04 .12 .83 .28 .80 .45 .55	0. 21 . 38 . 05 . 39 . 04 . 19 . 73 . 26 24 33	1. 27 . 94 . 42 . 67 . 02 . 51 . 28 . 47 . 26 . 21 . 47	9. 07 11. 62 8. 97 6. 14 6. 39 7. 63 6. 81 4. 88 6. 43
Wasco	Kerndo	. 66 1. 79 1. 15			.16	.00 .00	.00 .00	.00		. 88 . 85 . 00		. 19		

¹ Compiled from the Monthly Weather Review, U. S. Dept. Agr., Weather Bureau, 1910.

The total precipitation in the valley for the year was considerably less than the average during the preceding 10 years, the northern stations showing greater deficiency than the southern ones. According to Table 6, in which the records of 16 selected stations are arranged in geographical order from north to south, one-half to three-fourths of the rain fell during the first four months of the year. There was practically no rain at all between April and the middle of September, and all the streams throughout the valley were markedly low during that period. Unusually early and heavy rainfall took place September 14, 15, and 16, but as the ground had been so long without rain the effect of the influx on the quality of the ground water was probably inappreciable. Some slight showers occurred during October, but they were barely sufficient to dampen the surface of the ground and are negligible. More rain fell during November, but the field work had been carried by that time below Fresno into the semiarid region where the precipitation was proportionately light. The stream discharges were little affected by the November rains. The rainfall during December was far below normal, though the showers throughout Kern County were heavy enough to make the ground muddy. Field work was discontinued December 6, but a few samples, especially from deep wells in Fresno County, were collected the middle of December. Evidently, therefore, the samples were collected during or after the dry season before the ground could be affected by winter rains, and in a year of exceptionally low precipitation; consequently the mineral content of the waters may be considered to be normal. The greatest deviations from what may be looked upon as normal were found in waters from shallow wells near stream beds or flooded irrigation ditches, but such conditions could easily be recognized, and they have been noted in the detailed descriptions.

METHODS OF EXAMINATION.

FIELD ASSAY.

As the limited time and funds for the work prohibited complete analysis of all the samples and as such analyses of only a few waters could not be typical of waters over large areas, it was decided to test a great many waters as nearly correct in the field as such work can be done and to amplify and corroborate these data by a few laboratory analyses. The methods of assay described by Leighton ¹ were employed in the field work, determinations being made of total hardness, and the carbonate, bicarbonate, sulphate, and chloride radicles. Color also was estimated in a few waters.

¹ Leighton, M. O., Field assay of water: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 151, 1905.

CARBONATE AND BICARBONATE.

For the carbonate test 10 drops of a 1 per cent solution of phenol-phthalein was added to 100 cubic centimeters of the water in a glazed white porcelain mortar, and the solution was then titrated with tablets of sodium acid sulphate, each of which was equivalent to about 1 milligram of carbonate (CO₃). Few waters contained normal carbonate; consequently a qualitative test with the indicator was sufficient to show their absence. Quarters of tablets, made by slicing with a knife, were used for more accurate estimation. Some tablets were then dissolved in a fresh portion of water to which 2 drops of a one-tenth per cent solution of methyl orange had been added, and the mixture was titrated with the water to an alkaline reaction. The amount of bicarbonate was computed by the formula

$$x = \frac{1000nA}{W} - 2B$$

in which W = amount of water in cubic centimeters, A = the value of 1 tablet in milligrams of HCO_3 , n = the number of tablets, x = parts per million of HCO_3 , and B = parts per million of CO_3 as determined by the previous test.

CHLORINE.

A measured amount of the water, to which 5 drops of a 5 per cent solution of potassium chromate had been added, was titrated in the mortar with tablets containing silver nitrate, which were crushed and triturated by a pestle. The content of chlorine in parts per million can be calculated from the number and the standard of the tablets and the amount of water. Two strengths of tablets were used, one having an equivalent of about 1 milligram and the other about 10 milligrams of chlorine. Chlorines less than 300 parts were estimated in 50 cubic centimeters of water with the weaker tablets cut in quarters. Titration of greater amounts was commenced with the stronger tablets, and waters containing more than 2,000 parts per million of chlorine were diluted with distilled water before titration.

SULPHATE.

For estimation of sulphate 100 cubic centimeters of the water was slightly acidulated with hydrochloric acid (1—1), about 1 gram of moderately coarse crystals of barium chloride was added, and the cold mixture was vigorously shaken until the crystals were completely dissolved. This treatment precipitates barium sulphate in a finely divided state, and imparts to the liquid a turbidity the degree of which is proportional to the amount of sulphate and can be determined in the turbidimeter. This instrument consists essentially

of a glass tube inclosed in an open-bottomed brass tube suspended by a large-headed tripod over a standard candle, whose flame is kept automatically 3 inches from the bottom of the glass tube. The latter is graduated in millimeters from bottom to top in one scale and in cubic centimeters in another, so that it serves both as a depth measure for turbidity readings and as a graduate for general use. The liquid containing the precipitate of barium sulphate, after being thoroughly agitated, was poured into the graduated tube until the image of the flame disappeared. The depth in millimeters of the liquid in the tube was then read across the bottom of the meniscus, and the corresponding amount of the sulphate radicle (SO₄) was found by reference to the rating table of the turbidimeter. The readings were made in a darkened place and usually after dark. It was customary to average the results obtained on three or more precipitations. Direct readings were made for amounts between 30 and 400 parts per million, and less than 30 parts were estimated as trace, 5, 10, or 20 parts by the turbid appearance of the mixture. Appropriate dilutions were made for amounts exceeding 400 parts.

TOTAL HARDNESS.

Total hardness is determined in the field tests by adding to a measured amount of the water tablets containing a known amount of sodium oleate until the liquid after vigorous shaking forms a foam that does not break in five minutes while the bottle rests in a horizontal position. This substitution of tablets for the soap solution commonly employed in the laboratory is entirely satisfactory from the standpoint of accuracy, and it also obviates carrying a bulky bottle of soap, but so many tests had to be made and the time consumed in grinding the oleate tablets is so considerable that it was more economical to use a short burette and an alcoholic solution of Castile soap each cubic centimeter of which was equivalent to about 1 milligram of CaCO₃. Fifty cubic centimeters of water was titrated, allowance being made in computing the hardness for the soap consumed by 50 cubic centimeters of distilled water. So much dependence is placed on the estimate of total hardness in interpreting the results of the field assays that dilutions with distilled water were frequently made in order that interference by the insoluble soaps of the alkaline earths might be avoided.

PROBABLE ACCURACY.

Thirty-two waters that were analyzed by Mr. F. M. Eaton were also assayed in the field, and the results of analyses and assays are compared in Table 7. The bicarbonate and carbonate in both sets have been recomputed to CO_3 because changes in the condition of

the carbonates during the time between assay and analysis make comparison difficult unless this is done. The computation does not affect the accuracy of the results in any way.

Table 7.—Comparison of field and laboratory results of the examination of 32 waters from San Joaquin Valley.

[Parts per million.]

NT.	Carbonate radicle (CO ₃).		Sulphat (SC	e radicle	Chlori	ne (Cl).	Total hardness as CaCO ₃ .		
No.	Field.	Labora- tory.	Field.	Labora- tory.	Field.	Labora- tory.	Field.	Labora- tory.a	
1	24 34 37 36 60 50 67 67 63 73 73 44 49 99 64 80 87 75 77 72 82 82 82 83 77 81 86 87 72 87 72 88 77 88 87 78 87 78 88 87 78 88 88 88	25 35 39 40 44 66 38 73 65 57 78 65 81 103 65 159 101 198 95 96 96 96 96 96 96 108 83 84 108 84 108 84 108 84 108 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84	5 Tr. Tr. 10 Tr.	0 2.9 0 8.2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	10 15 10 15 30 10 25 15 20 35 15 20 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 20 20 6 6 6 6 10 25 25 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	5. 4 6. 0 8. 0 14 25 5. 9 22 15 15 35 10 22 19 48 6. 0 51 35 58 112 22 48 48 6. 0 51 48 48 6. 0 51 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48	411 511 519 400 633 844 877 1511 1111 511 512 3 944 966 624 44 250 28 80 28 80 505 505 810 953 854 162 162 162 162 162 163 163 163 163 163 163 163 163 163 163	48 47 51 42 76 80 40 144 113 56 114 19 94 122 38 67 75 91 45 75 698 1,027 120 655 1,240 655 1,240	
32	38	42	5	ŏ	4,110	4,310	1,838	2,773	

a Computed from values for calcium and magnesium.

In Eaton's tests 100 cubic centimeters of water was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was dried at 180° C. for estimation of dissolved solids. Iron was estimated colorimetrically and calcium and magnesium gravimetrically in that residue. Carbonate, bicarbonate, and chloride were determined by titration in ordinary manner, and sulphate by precipitating and weighing as barium sulphate the sulphate in 100 cubic centimeters of the sample. The content of the alkalies, expressed as parts per million of sodium, was computed from these estimates by means of the following formula. The symbols represent the amounts in parts per million of the radicles, and their respective coefficients are obtained by dividing their valences by their molecular weights.

 $Na = 23(0.0333CO_3 + 0.0164HCO_3 + 0.0208SO_4 + 0.0282Cl - 0.0499Ca - 0.0821Mg)$.

The two sets of carbonate determinations in Table 7 show numerical differences ranging from 0 to 134; only one set, however, has a relative difference exceeding 14 per cent and the average difference of the other 31 sets is 7 per cent. This is not unreasonable in view of the better light and other facilities in the laboratory, and it should be remembered also that all the figures are results of single determinations with unusually small quantities of water. The usual error in the determinations of low chlorines by field assay is 5 parts or less because most of the estimates were performed with 50 cubic centimeters of water. The average difference of the 11 sets of figures exceeding 100 parts per million is less than 6 per cent. Evidently field estimates of chlorine should be expressed not more exactly than to the nearest 5 parts per million and not more than three significant figures should be given.

As total hardness was not determined in the laboratory, a comparative figure has been calculated from the amounts of calcium and magnesium by means of the following formula, in which H, Ca, and Mg represent respectively total hardness as CaCO₃, calcium, and magnesium in parts per million:

H = 2.5 Ca + 4.1 Mg.

Though this formula expresses the theoretical relation between the amounts of calcium and magnesium and the hardness found by titration with soap and conventionally expressed as CaCO₃ actual determinations do not agree exactly, because the soap titration is subject to obscure errors and because the form of computation magnifies errors in the estimates of the bases. Yet review of the columns showing total hardness indicates that the results obtained by titration convey an approximate idea of the amount of the alkaline-earth bases, though the proportionate differences of single determinations are fairly high. Possibly more nearly accurate estimates could have been made by using a weaker soap solution and greater dilutions.

The estimates of appreciable amounts of sulphate are too few to permit computation of a probable error, but it is apparent that the procedure gives estimates near enough to the correct values for use in approximate classification. The field estimate of sulphate in set No. 14 is obviously incorrect, and other computations indicate that the laboratory report of sulphate in set No. 30 is one-half what it should be.¹

¹ See also Dole, R. B., The field assay of water: Eng. News, vol. 64, p. 145, 1910; Rapid examination of water in geologic surveys of water resources: Econ. Geology, vol. 6, June, 1911.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS.

For the purpose of ascertaining how much dependence may be placed on field assays—that is, how interpretations of them compare with those of examinations more carefully made and also how far such interpretations agree with practical experience in using the waters in question—certain values have been computed from the data of the 32 analyses and assays of the same waters in Table 7, and notes have been made of the known uses of the waters. The values in the columns headed "Field," in Table 8, are calculated from the assays and in those headed "Laboratory," from Eaton's more complete analyses, except the figure for total solids in the laboratory results, which was obtained directly by weighing the residue dried at 180° C. The computations and classifications are made by means of formulas and ratings explained on pages 50–82.

Table 8.—Comparison of ratings by field assays and by laboratory analyses.

[Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

	Remarks.		Irrigates garden. Used for bottle washing	Used in boilers and for beer	making. Domestic use and for stock. Irrigates alfalfa.	Used in boilers and for wine	making. Domestic use and for stock. Irrigates fruit trees.	Irrigates grapes and alfalfa. Domestic use and for stock.	Not used. Irrigates alfalfa.	Irrigates garden.	Domestic use and for stock.	Do. To be used on alfalfa.	Domestic use and for stock	Supplies watering trough.	-	irrigates tawn and snade trees; softened for boiler use.
	Quality for boiler use.	Labora- tory.	Good	Fair	Good	do	GoodFair	do	Good	Fair	do	do	Bad	do	-	do
	Quality	Field.	Good	do	Good Fair	do	do	do	do	do		do	Poor			
	y for tion.	Labo- ratory.	Good.	. op	do	. op	. op	do		Good.		Good. Fair	Good.	Poor.	Poor.	rant
tion.	Quality for irrigation.	Field.	Good.	. op	do do	do	. op	9.0p	Fair.	Good.	Fair	do	Good.		Poor.	Fair.
Classification.	character.	Labora- tory.	Ca-CO ₃	do	Na-CO ₃ .	do	Na-CO3.	do	Ca-CO3- Na-CO3-	Ca-Co			Ca-CO3	Na-CO3	Na-Cl	178-1904 ·
	Mineral content. Chemical character.	Field.	Ca-CO ₃	do	Na-CO3.	qo	do	Na-CO3	Ca-CO3- Na-CO3	Ca-coa	Na-CO3	op	Ca-CO3	Na-CO3.	Na-CI	1/2-504 -
	ontent.	Labo- ratory.	Low Moder-	Low.	Moder-	are. do	do	do	9.9	do		do	do	do	High.	an
	Mineral c	Field.	Low	qo		op				do do		9p	9.6			
	Alkali coefficient (inches).	Labo- ra- tory.	\$5 85	20	80	40	37	140 22 23	34	72 4	209	12	32	5.6	6.29	»
	Alkali coefficier (inches)	Field.	140 200	45	\$ 5	55		<u> </u>		84	909	911			- m ч	
	bility sion b	Labo- ratory.	N.C.	N.C.	ZZ C.C	N.C.	N. C.	oo.	ici ZZ;	z Z	z'z	i iz	Z,	ZZ	ioc izz	3
	Probability of corrosion b (c).	Field.	S.C.	z.c.	zz.	N.C.	N.C.	o zz:	io:	z Z	SC	o Z	, Z	OC ZZ	ioic ZZZ	; ;
values.	ning jents	Labo- ratory.	30	30	40 40	20	60	88;	150	85	265	180	2 ⁴⁰	340	860	7,000
Computed values.	Foaming ingredients (f).	Field.	30	20	200	40	040	888	190	26	2003	190	2 8	360	920	000
Cor	rming ients).	Labo-	066	95	90	115	180	011 011	35.5		8.5	110	<u>s</u> s	22.8	885	77
	Scale-forming ingredients (s).	Field.	100	110	90	130	140	901	5.55	140	25	86	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	96		0
	ì	Labo- ra- tory.a	138 178	150	140	180	168	218	202	364	266	220	344	386	872	1, 200
	Total solids.	Field.	120 120	130	150 170	170	180	200	800	270	230	220	370 310	340	810	2
	No.		12	က	4.73	9	r- 00 :	505	121	24	15	17	18	82	1212	3

a Determined values.

b N. C.=Noncorrosive; C.=corrosive; ?=corrosive tendency unknown.

Table 8.—Comparison of ratings by field assays and by laboratory analyses—Continued.

	Remarks.		4.7 High. High. Ca-Cl Ca-SO ₄ . Good. Gooddod
	Quality for boiler use.	Labora- tory.	High. High. Ca-Cl. Ca-SO ₄ Good Good
	Quality	Field.	Very bad
	Quality for irrigátion.	Labo- ratory.	Poor. Good. Fair Bad Fair Bad
ation.		Field.	Poor. Good. Fairdo. Poor. Bad Fair
Classification.	haracter.	Labora- Field. Labo- tory.	Ca-Cldodo Na-Cl Na-Cl Na-Co Ca-SO4
	Alkali coefficient Mineral content. Chemical character. (inches).	Field.	Ca-Cldodo Na-Cl Na-Cl Na-Cl Na-Cl Na-Cl
	sontent.	Labo- ratory.	Highdodo
	Mineral	o- Field. Labo- Field. Labo- Field. ratory. Field. tory.	Highdododododododo
	Alkali oefficient inches).	Labo- ra- tory.	4. 7 20 112 117 4. 2 1. 1 10 10
	Coeff (inc	Field	4 1 1.1 6
	Probability of corrosion (c).	Labo- ratory	460 360 270 270 270 270 270 270 270 27
	Prob of coi	Field.	200 N. C.
Computed values.	Foaming ingredients (f).	Labo- ratory.	400 290 380 380 50 1,400 2,000 0 4,200 4,200
mpute	Foa ingre	Field.	460 360 270 270 1,500 2,100 1,300 4,500 5,400
သိ	l bo	Lab	400 600 580 830 150 150 150 980 1 2,590 2,590
	Scale-forming ingredients (s).	Field.	530 840 980 880 190 560 1,300
	Total solids.	Labo- ratory.	1,118 1,702 1,392 1,826 1,616 2,452 3,210 3,210 3,930 7,489
	Total	Field.	1,000 1,500 1,600 1,600 2,300 3,000 6,800
	No.		33 3 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

Nearly all the numerical differences in the computed amounts become insignificant when the values are interpreted according to the ratings that are discussed on pages 50-82. For example, the difference between the alkali coefficients of the first two waters is very great, but as any value exceeding 18 indicates a water good for irrigation the discrepancy of the computed coefficients is negligible. The coefficients agree more closely as the concentration of the mineral matter increases so that the two sets of figures are nearly alike for the poorer waters. The distinction in set No. 16, which is the only pair in which a difference of interpretation occurs, is due only to strict application of the rating according to which the coefficient, 18, is the dividing line between "good" and "fair" waters. The notes under "Remarks" show that the classification coincides with experience in applying the waters to crops. Five of those rated as good for irrigation and four of those rated as fair have been used for several years on various cultures without apparent trouble. No. 17, rated as fair, is to be used for irrigating alfalfa. No. 25, a calcium sulphate water high in mineral matter but rated as good for irrigation, has been used on a variety of small cultures for one year without apparent harm, while it is said that No. 30, which is in the same neighborhood but is distinctly more highly mineralized, can be used to irrigate nothing but alfalfa, probably an old growth. No. 22, classed as poor, is on an abandoned farm, but it is reported to have been unsuccessfully used for irrigating grain. None of the other supplies rated as poor or bad is applied to crops. Many of the differences in the computed values of scale-forming and foaming constituents become insignificant in classification, yet five sets show distinction in class; the differences in sets Nos. 2, 12, and 21 are caused by strict application of the rating tables to estimates that are rather close to the lines of division, and they illustrate well the difficulty that is always experienced in attempting to translate the figures of an analysis into descriptive adjectives. For example, the small difference of 10 parts per million in the estimates of scale-forming ingredients in set No. 2 changes the classification. No importance can be attached to the difference between 3 and 30, the estimated amounts of foaming constituents in the first water, because both numbers are far below the point where the foaming tendency must be considered; similarly, the numerically large discrepancy in corresponding values for No. 23 has no practical significance as either estimate indicates that the water would foam badly. incorrect determination of total hardness is responsible for the difference in the computed values of the foaming constituents in No. 27, and an unexplained but obvious difference in the estimates of sulphate accounts for a like difference in No. 30, but neither prevents proper classification of the waters in respect to their value for boiler use. The computed amounts of total solids agree well with those determined by weighing, except in No. 14, where the difference in classification is traceable to the difference in sulphate already mentioned.

Altogether this comparison demonstrates one of the many practical purposes for which rapid methods of water-testing are economical—for selecting waters that are extremely good or extremely bad, thus greatly reducing the number of samples that must be sent to the laboratory for detailed and much more expensive analysis. Field assays afford estimates of much practical value when they are interpreted by the broad standards proper for water ratings, though they can never rival complete analyses in accuracy or in general availability. The comparative inexpensiveness of the assay opens a large and legitimate field of activity, for by means of it agriculturists, geologists, chemists, and others engaged in water investigations can obtain information regarding mineral constituents general in character but essentially practical. The rapidity with which the assays can be made makes it possible to perform the large number of examinations necessary in studying the quality of water over any extensive area.

PROCEDURES OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC CO.

A large proportion of the miscellaneous analyses were performed in the laboratory of the Southern Pacific Co. at Sacramento. By the procedures of that laboratory the residue from 1,000 cubic centimeters of the sample, after having been dried at 160° C. to a constant weight, is separated into a soluble and an insoluble portion by treatment with 150 cubic centimeters of hot distilled water. Silica, calcium, and magnesium are estimated in each portion, and the alkalies in the soluble portion are calculated by difference. Chloride, sulphate, nitrate, and carbonate are estimated in separate portions of water by common methods. The results of these tests, stated by the analyst in the form of compounds, have been computed to ionic form in parts per million in order that they may be comparable with other tests.

STANDARDS FOR CLASSIFICATION.

MINERAL CONSTITUENTS OF WATER.

All natural waters contain dissolved or suspended materials with which they have come into contact. They take up such materials in amounts determined principally by the chemical composition and physical structure of the substances, by the temperature, pressure, and duration of their contact, and by the condition of substances that they have previously incorporated. For purposes of examination

the substances that may be present in natural waters are classified as suspended matter, such as particles of clay or leaves; dissolved matter, either of mineral or organic origin; microscopic animals or plants; and bacteria. The presence of very small animals and plants likely to affect the quality of water is determined by microscopic examination, and the chance of contracting disease by drinking the water is ascertained by bacteriologic processes. The amount and nature of the mineral ingredients are most commonly determined by estimating the total suspended matter, total dissolved matter, total hardness, total alkalinity, silica, iron, aluminum, calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, carbonate, bicarbonate, sulphate, nitrate, chloride, free carbonic acid, and free hydrogen sulphide, these being the materials most commonly present and most likely to affect the value of the waters.

WATER FOR IRRIGATION.

SOURCE OF ALKALI.

Many mineral substances are injurious to vegetation, but the only ones that are usually abundant enough to demand attention are compounds of sodium, or, as they are commonly termed, "the alkalies." Though potassium in nominal quantity is a plant food, it is usually not separated from sodium in commercial analyses of water, the two bases being estimated together and reported as sodium; but as the proportion of potassium in highly mineralized waters is commonly low compared with that of sodium this disregard of potassium does not lead to any considerable error in judging the value for irrigation. During the natural decomposition or rotting of rocks and soils salts of the alkalies, easily soluble in water, are formed. pounds are leached from the soil and washed away in regions where plenty of rain falls, and consequently they do not become concentrated enough to damage crops; but wherever the rainfall is insufficient to effect this removal such materials continually increase, and the proportion of them may become so great that plants are stunted or killed and the ground becomes unproductive.

Accumulations of alkali can also be caused in another way. All waters that penetrate the ground either naturally or as a result of irrigation contain these salts in solution, and evaporation of the water, leaving the salts, adds to the supply that has been formed by decomposition of rock. Such concentration of soluble salts has been taking place for a long time in the basin of Tulare Lake, the waters of which have been removed many times by evaporation, leaving a residue of salts to mix with those already in the ground. The effect of waters applied during irrigation is all that is properly within the scope of this section, but certain general features in connection with

the occurrence of alkali should be considered, because the soluble salts normally formed in the soil and those introduced by the water are alike in their nature and their effect.

OCCURRENCE OF ALKALI.

The soluble salts are not evenly distributed over an area or through a given depth, but are ordinarily concentrated in patches near the Such patches may be found in slight depressions into which mineralized water has seeped or drained and from which it has later evaporated. The underground water drawn to the surface by capillarity also brings alkali, which becomes concentrated in the upper layers of the soil. Where the salts are largely sulphates or chlorides the plots are covered with deposits of so-called "white alkali" that is, crystals of alkaline chlorides and sulphates, mostly common salt and Glauber's salt; but when much carbonate is present the plots are blackened by solution of humus and are termed spots of "black alkali." It can readily be understood from the manner in which the salts are formed and from the possibility of their introduction by seepage or irrigation that the alkali content of a soil can progressively increase until it reaches a strength that will destroy plants previously unaffected. Conversely, a soil that is normally too high in alkali can be rendered productive by washing part of the soluble salts out of it.

If the alkali content of a soil is excessive the growth of cultures is retarded or entirely prevented. A still greater amount of salts kills the most resistant plants, and the area becomes devoid of vegetation. The chief cause of the poisonous action is commonly considered to be abstraction of water from the plant roots by change of the osmotic pressure, but bad effects are also probably more or less due to corrosion of the plant roots, germicidal action on the soil bacteria, and interference with the food supply through solution of humus.

PERMISSIBLE LIMITS OF ALKALI.

The cause and the manner of the harmful action are, however, not so important at present as the amount of these toxic compounds that can be tolerated by crops, for the limit of resistance in soils fixes in turn the maximum content of waters that can safely be used for irrigation, and it indicates the precautions that must be taken in applying the water. Yet it becomes evident from brief consideration of the problem that limits of tolerance must be very broadly interpreted and that absolute classification of waters in respect to their irrigation value is impracticable.

Many investigators have studied the effect on plant growth of mineral substances in water solutions, and the excellent work of Kearney

and Cameron is typical of these. Experimenting with seedlings of white lupine and alfalfa in different strengths of pure solutions, they found that the readily soluble salts common in soils are toxic in the following order: Magnesium sulphate, magnesium chloride, sodium carbonate, sodium sulphate, sodium chloride, sodium bicarbonate, and calcium chloride, the first being 200 times as harmful as the last. But when similar tests were made in the presence of an excess of calcium sulphate and calcium carbonate both the order of toxicity and the maximum concentrations in which the seedlings would grow were entirely changed. The order and the limits for lupine under these conditions are sodium carbonate, 1,560 parts per million; sodium bicarbonate, 4,170 parts; magnesium chloride, 9,600; sodium chloride, 11,600; calcium chloride about 16,000; sodium sulphate, 21,600; and magnesium sulphate, 22,400. Magnesium sulphate, which is most toxic in pure solution, is least harmful in the presence of large amounts of calcium carbonate and sulphate. The chlorides of magnesium, sodium, and calcium follow each other in relative toxicity. The sulphate was found to be the least harmful of the sodium salts, sodium chloride being twice and the carbonate fourteen times as poisonous. These alterations are extremely significant, for none of the salts occurs in large amount in soils except in the presence of large quantities of calcium and more or less of all the other harmful salts. Therefore the death point in a simple solution of one salt is not a safe measure of tolerance, for the power of resistance under natural conditions depends on complex reactions between all the components of the soil solution.

Other investigators have shown not only that different cultures have different degrees of resistance but also that the order of toxicity of the various salts is changed. Some species of rather weak tolerance have also been bred to withstand high concentrations, and it is a matter of ordinary observation in regions of alkali that certain crops die on land where others flourish. The vertical position of the soluble salts also is important. Where, as under ordinary conditions, they are concentrated near the surface they can do the greatest amount of damage because they are in contact with the delicate roots. But they may be washed downward out of the danger zone by proper application of water. All these considerations make it evident that the nature of the crops, the manner of cultivation and irrigation, the

¹ Kearney, T. H., and Cameron, F. K., Some mutual relations between alkali soils and vegetation: U. S. Dept. Agr. Rept. 71, 1902.

Cameron, F. K., and Breazeale, J. F., The toxic action of acids and salts on seedlings: Jour. Phys. Chemistry, vol. 8, p. 1, 1904.

Jensen, G. H., Toxic limits and stimulation effects of some salts and poisons on wheat: Bot. Gazette, vol. 43, p. 11, 1907.

Kahlenberg, L., and True, R. H., The toxic action of dissolved salts and their electrolytic dissociation, Bot. Gazette, vol. 22, p. 81, 1896.

Heald, F. D., The toxic effect of dilute solutions of acids and salts upon plants: Bot. Gazette, vol. 22, p. 125, 1896.

other mineral components of the soil, and many other factors affect tolerance to alkali; when the effects of reactions between the mineral constituents of the soil and of the applied water are added to these modifying features it must be admitted that all general conclusions regarding the potential value of a water supply for irrigation are subject to much modification in particular cases.

Possibly the best basis for conclusions on the value of water for irrigation is the work of Loughridge,1 who has endeavored to determine the greatest amounts of alkali in the upper 4 feet of ground in the presence of which cultures grow and come to maturity. In pursuance of this plan observations were made of the condition of fruit trees, shrubs, cereals, and other cultivated plants growing or dving in soils, which were then partly analyzed. Loughridge's results are of great practical interest because they are linked with observations on cultures growing under natural conditions on a large scale, and they are here particularly valuable because they represent experiments mostly in the territory covered by this report. Interpretation of the figures is complicated, however, as Loughridge points out, by uncertainty as to whether the observed poor growth was always due to presence of alkali and not to other harmful conditions. As not one alone but all the salts are present in natural soils and as they owe their toxic action to the extent to which they are dissociated. the impossiblity of determining the exact amounts of the different salts in solution or the share of each acid and each basic radicle in the toxic action is fully apparent. Notwithstanding these doubtful points much can be learned from the studies regarding the relative tolerance of cultures.

The amount of alkali that could be tolerated was found to depend largely on the distribution of the salts in the vertical soil column, the injury usually being greatest in the upper foot, where the feeding roots and the greatest amount of alkali occurred together. The range of tolerance for different cultures is very great. Lemon trees, considered very sensitive, were unaffected in the presence of 5,760 pounds of alkali per acre 4-feet, while grapevines withstood nearly eight times as much, or 45,760 pounds. Sorghum flourished in soil containing 81,360 pounds per acre 4-feet, but rye withstood only 12,480 pounds of alkali. The fact that some plants are more readily affected when they are young is well illustrated by alfalfa, which tolerates more than eight times as much alkali when old as when young. Experiments in vineyards showed that different varieties are affected to different degree by alkali and as a corollary that alkali changes the composition of grapes.

¹ Loughridge, R. H., Tolerance of alkali by various cultures: California Univ. Agr. Exper. Sta. Bull. 133, 1901. Quoted by Hilgard, E. W., Soils, p. 467, Macmillan Co., New York, 1906. See also California Univ. Agr. Exper. Sta. Bulls. 128, 140, and 169.

RELATIVE HARMFULNESS OF THE COMMON ALKALIES.

Though various cultures are affected in different degree by sodium in the three common forms of carbonate, chloride, and sulphate, there is some general agreement. Sodium as the carbonate is commonly the most harmful, as the chloride somewhat less so, and as the sulphate least harmful. Hilgard 1 gives the maxima for cereals grown on a certain sandy loam as about 0.1 per cent of sodium carbonate, 0.25 per cent of sodium chloride, and 0.48 per cent of sodium sulphate, corresponding to a toxicity ratio expressed in terms of sodium of 1:1.6:3.6. The relative harmfulness of sodium in the sulphate, chloride, and carbonate, respectively, can be expressed according to Loughridge's results for ten standard crops of San Joaquin Valley by the ratio 1:5:6.6; that is, sodium as the carbonate is 6.6 times as harmful, and sodium as the chloride 5 times as harmful as sodium as the sulphate. A similar ratio for the 15 most sensitive crops is 1:5.3:6.4. If, therefore, sodium as the sulphate is given a toxicity of 1 a reasonably approximate estimate of the relative toxicity of sodium as the sulphate, chloride, and carbonate, respectively, would be expressed by the ratio 1:5:6. Stabler has used in his formulas, quoted later, the ratio 1:5:10 in order to allow for the undesirable puddling of the soil by the carbonate.

RELATION BETWEEN APPLIED WATER AND SOILS.

When water used in irrigating evaporates from the surface of the soil it leaves in the ground its content of salts. If all the applied water were to escape by evaporation, constant use of any supply, no matter how pure it might be, would eventually result in an accumulation of alkali that would render the soil unproductive. If, on the other hand, all of a water not too high in mineral content were to seep downward into the deep-lying strata it would leach out the soluble salts of a highly charged area, which would thus be made productive. Such extreme conditions, however, are not natural. Though evaporation greatly exceeds rainfall in arid regions, and the accumulation of alkali is thus facilitated, part of the water seeping away carries with it a load of salts in solution. Various amounts of mineral matter are also taken up by crops and are removed during harvesting; then, too, the sodium in the soil and in the applied water can be prevented by proper methods of irrigation and drainage from accumulating where it will damage the delicate feeding roots of cultures. Consequently, waters of a relatively low mineral content may be applied year after year without inflicting damage, but those exceeding a certain limit of mineral content are useless for irrigation; waters of an intermediate class, normally capable of increasing the

¹ Hilgard, E. W., Soils, p. 464, Macmillan Co., New York, 1906.

alkalies in the soil, may be harmless under judicious usage. This outline of the general relations between the saline content of soils and of waters used on them indicates other allowances that should be made in estimating to what extent the mineral matter in applied waters affects their value for irrigation.

NUMERICAL STANDARDS.

Twelve hundred parts per million of mineral matter is the limit of concentration given by Hilgard 1 for irrigation water in all cases under the ordinary practice in California. This limit is greatly modified by the character of the dissolved salts, and the results of extensive irrigation elsewhere indicate that very much stronger waters can be used on some soils if they are properly applied. Basing his computations on Loughridge's determinations of tolerance,2 Stabler 3 has developed formulas for rating waters in respect to their value for irrigation. His comparison is made by means of an "alkali coefficient" (k), which is defined as the depth in inches of water which would yield on evaporation sufficient alkali to render a 4-foot depth of soil injurious to the most sensitive crops. The sodium equivalents of the three common salts of sodium, the sulphate, chloride, and carbonate, are assigned relative toxicities of 1, 5, and 10, respectively, and the maximum tolerance of sensitive cultures is taken as 1,500 pounds of sodium in the form of sulphate per acre 4-feet. correctness of the latter assumption by itself might be questioned in view of the fact that Loughridge's figures for cultures at the lower end of his lists are particularly liable to upward revision after further investigation. Yet this should not lead to appreciable error as the chief value of the formulas rests in the ratio of toxicities and the interpretation of the computed value of k.

If Na – 0.65 Cl is zero or negative, $k = \frac{2,040}{\text{Cl}}$.

If Na – 0.65 Cl is positive but not greater than 0.48 SO_4 , $k = \frac{6,620}{\text{Na} + 2.6 \text{ Cl}}$.

If Na – 0.65 Cl – 0.48 SO₄ is positive,
$$k = \frac{662}{\text{Na} - 0.33 \text{ Cl} - 0.43 \text{ SO}_4}$$

The alkali coefficient, k, is in inches as already explained; the symbols SO_4 , Cl, and Na represent, respectively, the amounts in parts per million in the water of sulphate, chlorine, and alkalies, the latter being commonly grouped under the name of sodium. Consideration of bicarbonate is precluded because estimates of it apparently were not made in the work on which the formulas are based. The three formulas represent the different relations between

¹ Op. cit., p. 248.

² Loughridge, R. H., Tolerance of alkali by various cultures: California Univ. Exper. Sta. Bull. 133, 1901.

³ Stabler, Herman, Some stream waters of the western United States, with chapters on sediment carried by the Rio Grande and the industrial application of water analyses: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 274, p. 177, 1911. See also Eng. News, vol. 64, p. 57, 1910.

the alkali and the acid radicles. Under the first condition, with enough, or more than enough, chlorine to satisfy sodium, it is assumed that chlorides other than that of sodium are as harmful as that compound. Cameron 1 found that magnesium chloride, sodium chloride, and calcium chloride had relative toxicities of 1.2: 1.0: 0.6, respectively, in the presence of an excess of calcium sulphate or of calcium sulphate and calcium carbonate. Under the second condition, where the chloride and sulphate radicles together are sufficient to satisfy sodium, and under the third, where both chlorine and sulphate are insufficient to satisfy sodium, magnesium is assumed to have no deleterious effect. This base loses the greater part of its toxic power when much calcium is present and therefore this assumption seems justifiable as not only is calcium usually high in all soils but also it commonly exceeds the proportion of magnesium in natural waters. Though the formulas are based on the relative predominance of the radicles, they should not be interpreted as signifying that the acids and bases are combined but as presenting the maximum possibilities of the deposition of harmful alkali salts in the soil layer. Waters to which the first two formulas are applicable are likely to leave white alkali on evaporation, and those in the third class probably vield black alkali.

The approximate amount of alkali in a water can be computed from the results of a field assay by the following formula:

$$Na = 0.83 \text{ CO}_3 + 0.41 \text{ HCO}_3 + 0.71 \text{ Cl} + 0.52 \text{ SO}_4 - 0.5 \text{ H}.$$

The symbols represent the amounts in parts per million of alkali (sodium and potassium) and the carbonate, bicarbonate, chlorine, sulphate, and total hardness found by assay. The equation expresses the theoretical relation that the sum of the reacting values of the acid radicles minus the reacting values of calcium and magnesium, which together are one-fiftieth of total hardness, equals the reacting value of the alkalies; the factor 25 instead of 23, the atomic weight of sodium, is used for safety. Because of the approximate nature of the figures of field assays values of k computed from them should be reported with not more than two significant figures and to the nearest 10 when they exceed 30.

The following ratings for interpreting values of the alkali coefficient are proposed by Stabler:

Table 9.—Classification of water for irrigation.

Value of k.	Classification.
Greater than 18. 6 to 18. 1.2 to 5.9. Less than 1.2.	Good. Fair. Poor. Bad.

¹ Cameron, F. K., and Breazeale, J. F., The toxic action of acids and salts on seedlings: Jour. Phys. Chemistry, vol. 8, p. 1, 1904.

The value of k, showing the number of inches of water that would yield on evaporation sufficient alkali to inhibit the growth of very sensitive plants, indicates the relative degree of care that is essential in applying a water to irrigated tracts. As defined by Stabler, "good" waters are those that can be used for many years without special care to prevent alkali accumulation. Waters classed as "fair" require special care to prevent gradual concentration of alkali except in loose soils with free natural drainage. In using waters classed as "poor" care in selection of soils has been imperative and artificial drainage has frequently been necessary. The "bad" waters contain so much harmful matter in solution that they are practically valueless for irrigation. These ratings are based on general practice in the arid and semiarid regions of the United States, and so far as they can be checked by comparison with actual experience in the use of waters in San Joaquin Valley they answer all practical purposes.

This rating, like any other that might be devised, should be liberally interpreted. It is well to repeat emphatically that it signifies only a comparison of the waters themselves on the basis of their mineral content. It has no reference whatever to the possibility of raising good crops on land to which the waters may be applied, because it does not take into account the alkali content and the texture of the soil, drainage conditions, the method of irrigation, the duty of the water, or the other factors on which agricultural success

depends.

REMEDIES FOR ALKALI TROUBLES.

WASHING DOWN THE ALKALI.

The relation between applied water and soils makes it apparent that the farmer can control the alkali content of his ground to great extent by the manner in which he applies water and the care he takes to prevent accumulation of soluble salts near the surface. When a deep, readily pervious soil is covered with water to a proper depth by flooding, which is widely practiced in San Joaquin Valley, the water rapidly soaks into the soil, dissolving the alkali salts concentrated near the surface and carrying them downward beyond the zone of influence on the delicate feeding rootlets. But if the ground is not then protected against surface evaporation the water is drawn upward and alkali again impregnates the top layers. This action can be prevented in some measure by thorough cultivation as soon as possible after irrigation, and the shade afforded by trees and good stands of grass or grain also minimizes it. This shading effect partly explains why well-established growths of some cultures can thrive in soil containing an amount of alkali injurious to younger crops. A good stand of alfalfa, for instance, inhibits surface evaporation and consequent rise of alkali to the feeding roots, though the ground

deeper down may contain enough alkali to kill the plants; whereas newly started alfalfa can not prevent evaporation, and the alkali, dissolved by the water and rising with it by capillarity, becomes concentrated where it can do the greatest damage. A shallow soil underlain by hardpan is not benefited by flooding alone, as the leaching is stopped by the impervious layer.

It is a prevalent idea that alkali can be washed from a piece of land by flooding it with large quantities of water and then allowing the surplus to run off. The improvement is, however, not due so much to removal of the comparatively small quantities of material carried away in the off-flow as to depression of the alkali by the downward percolation just described. The results of some experiments by Headden 1 illustrate this well. Two waters, the composition of which is given in columns A and B of Table 10, were used during two successive days to flood a tract of alkali land about 600 Four samples of the off-flow were taken, two at the beginning of the off-flow and two just before the on-flow was stopped. and the average of the analyses of these four samples is given in Though one of them, taken at the very commencement of the off-flow, carried 1,238 parts per million of dissolved solids, this high content lasted only a few minutes, and comparison of the average with the results in columns A and B shows how little the total mineral content of the water that remained above ground and finally flowed off after crossing the entire area was increased by solution of the alkali in the soil.

Table 10.—Effect of flooding on alkali as shown by composition of water.

[Parts per million.]

Constituents.	A	В	C	D	E
Total solids Organic and volatile matter Silica (SiO ₂) Oxides of iron and aluminum (Fe ₂ O ₃ +Al ₂ O ₃). Calcium (Ca). Magnesium (Mg). Manganese (Mn). Sodium (Na). Potassium (K). Carbonate radicle (CO ₃). Sulphate radicle (SO ₄). Cnlorine (Cl).	27 10 1.0 43 10 .6 42 3.6 64	706 37 14 3.4 90 24 .8 96 3.8 106 305 24	760 44 12 .8 93 30 .2 102 5.6 112 335 24	1,415 92 23 1.6 139 66 .7 195 1.9 120 713 60	3,278 145 20 .7 314 170 1.0 436 6.4 149 1,885

Four shallow wells in the plot, protected against entrance of water over the top, were sampled before (column D) and after irrigation

A. Water used in irrigating on Sept. 1.
B. Water used in irrigating on Sept. 2.
C. Average composition of off-flow Sept. 2.
D. Average composition of water from 4 shallow wells Aug. 31.
E. Average composition of water from 4 shallow wells Sept. 2.

¹ Headden, W. P., Colorado irrigation waters and their changes: Colorado Agr. Coll. Exper. Sta. Bull. 82, 1903.

(column E). The composition of the ground water portrayed by these averages is typical in showing the downward passage of the alkali salts in the soil. The average amount of mineral matter in the off-flow is only slightly greater than that in the applied water that was used in greater quantity, but the water in the wells increased in dissolved solids from 1,415 parts to 3,278 parts per million, calcium, magnesium, sodium, sulphate, and chloride having been more than doubled. Headden estimates that the ground water gained about 5,000 pounds of mineral matter per acre-foot of water by this irrigation.

The effect of natural precipitation in washing down the soluble salts can be illustrated by analyses of water from the same wells after a long period of heavy rainfall. Just before the rain stopped the water of one well contained 10,360 parts per million of total solids, an amount several times the normal; only eight days later solids had fallen to 6,450 parts; and to 2,030 parts after a month. This decided increase of mineral content after rainfall and the subsequent decrease coincident with the loss of water by evaporation and drainage can be explained by change in position of the soluble salts in the soil column.

Irrigation by shallow furrows from which the water soaks into the ground is practiced extensively in orchards and truck gardens throughout San Joaquin Valley. This causes downward transmission of alkali in pervious soils like flooding, with the added advantage that the decreased evaporation lessens the tendency toward surface concentration of alkali. Deep, narrow furrows would undoubtedly still further reduce the proportion of water lost by evaporation and would prevent the rise of alkali by affording deeper circulation of the water supply.

Such downward washing of soluble substances affords no permanent relief, for the alkali, not being removed, may be drawn again to the surface, or may rise as a result of wasteful irrigation, a trouble common in water-logged soils. Downward washing can be safely relied on only when the soils are pervious and have good natural drainage. Application of heavily mineralized water even under such conditions year after year may increase the amount of the harmful ingredients and render them more difficult to handle. The recognized permanent remedy is installation of underdrains, through which the dissolved substances may be removed. The installation of drainage is costly, but it has become an essential part of irrigation systems wherever the soils are very bad or the waters are high in harmful ingredients, for it not only facilitates the removal of the deleterious salts originally in the ground, but also affords means for preventing accumulation of alkali when very strong waters are used.

The experimental plots cultivated by the Department of Agriculture in Fresno County where the "rise of the alkali" has spoiled otherwise good ground have been thoroughly reclaimed by underdrainage. Many of the waters of the valley now considered poor for irrigation can probably be utilized on well-drained tracts, for sodium chloride waters far more concentrated than some of the poorer ones in the trough of San Joaquin Valley are being successfully applied to Algerian lands 2 that are thoroughly drained. The best results with strong saline waters have been obtained by irrigating copiously at frequent intervals. In conjunction with free drainage such operation prevents concentration of alkali salts in the soil, for any accumulation that may form is quickly dissolved and washed downward.

MISCELLANEOUS REMEDIES.

Though it is possible to remove a large proportion of the alkali crust by scraping the surface of the land that method is too expensive to be generally adopted. Growing and completely cropping plants that secrete relatively large quantities of alkali is tedious but fairly successful. The injurious effect of carbonate alkali can be greatly reduced by spreading the ground with gypsum, by action of which carbonate of lime and alkali sulphates are formed. As carbonate alkalies are much more harmful than chlorides or sulphates treatment of this character lessens the toxic action.

WATER FOR BOILER USE.

FORMATION OF SCALE.

The most common trouble in boilers is formation of scale, or deposition of mineral matter within the boiler shell. When water is heated under pressure and concentrated by evaporation, as in a boiler, certain substances are thrown out of solution and solidify on the flues and crown sheets or within the tubes. These deposits increase fuel consumption because they are poor conductors of heat and increase the cost of boiler repairs and attendance because they have to be removed. If the amount of scale is great or if it is allowed to accumulate the boiler capacity is decreased and disastrous explosions are likely to occur.

The incrustation (scale) consists of the substances that are insoluble in the feed water or become so within the boiler under conditions of ordinary operation. It includes practically all the suspended matter, or mud; the silica, probably precipitated as the oxide (SiO₂); the iron and aluminum, appearing in the scale as oxides or hydrated

¹ Fortier, Samuel, and Cone, V. M., Drainage of irrigated lands in the San Joaquin Valley, California: U. S. Dept. Agr. Exper. Sta. Bull. 217, 1909.

² Means, T. H., The use of alkaline waters for irrigation: U. S. Dept. Agr. Bur. Soils Circ. 10, 1903; also U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 93, p. 255, 1904.

oxides; the calcium, precipitated principally as carbonate and sulphate; and the magnesium, found chiefly as oxide but also partly as carbonate. Scale is therefore a mixture, which varies in amount, density, hardness, and composition with the quality of water supply, the steam pressure, the type of boiler, and other conditions of use. Calcium and magnesium are the principal basic substances in the scale, over 90 per cent of which usually is calcium, magnesium, carbonate, and sulphate. If much organic matter is present part of it is precipitated with the mineral scale, as the organic matter is decomposed by heat or by reaction with other substances. If magnesium and sulphate are comparatively low or if suspended matter is comparatively high the scale is soft and bulky and may be in the form of sludge that can be blown or washed from the boiler. On the other hand, a clear water relatively high in magnesium and sulphate may produce a hard, compact scale that is nearly as dense as porcelain, clings to the tubes, and offers great resistance to the transmission of heat. Therefore the value of a water for boiler use depends not only on the quantity but also on the physical structure of the scale produced by it.

CORROSION.

Corrosion or "pitting" is caused chiefly by the solvent action of acids on the iron of the boiler. Free acids capable of dissolving iron occur in some natural waters, especially in the drainage from coal mines, which usually contains free sulphuric acid, and also in some factory wastes draining into streams. Many ground waters contain free hydrogen sulphide, a gas that readily attacks boilers, and some contain dissolved oxygen and free carbon dioxide, which are also corrosive. Organic matter is probably a source of acids, for waters high in organic matter and low in calcium and magnesium are corrosive, though the nature and action of the organic bodies are not well understood. The chief corrosives are acids freed in the boiler by the deposition of hydrates of iron, aluminum, and magnesium, the last-named being the most important as it is the most abundant. The acid radicles that were in equilibrium with these bases may pass into equilibrium with other bases, displacing equivalent quantities of carbonate and bicarbonate; or they may decompose carbonates that have been precipitated as scale; or they may combine with the iron of the boiler, thus causing corrosion; or they may do all three, their action depending on the chemical composition of the water. Even with the most complete analyses this action can be predicted only as a probability. If the acid thus freed exceeds the amount required to decompose the carbonate and bicarbonate radicles it attacks the iron of the boiler and produces pits or tuberculations of the interior surface, leaks, particularly around rivets, and general deterioration.

FOAMING.

Foaming is rising of the water in the boiler and particularly in the steam space normally above the water, and it is intimately connected with priming, which is the passage from the boiler of water mixed with steam. Foaming results when anything prevents the free escape of steam from the water. It is usually ascribed to an excess of dissolved matter that increases the surface tension of the liquid and thereby reduces the readiness with which the steam bubbles break. As sodium and potassium remain dissolved in the boiler water while the greater portion of the other bases is precipitated, the foaming tendency is commonly measured by the degree of concentration of the alkali salts in solution, because this figure in connection with the type of boiler determines to great extent the length of time that a boiler may run without danger of foaming. It is a fact that the worst foaming waters in railroad practice are encountered in the arid and semiarid regions of the Southwest where the quantity of dissolved alkali is greatest. However, it is well known that suspended matter can cause foaming, for certain waters that deposit a moderate amount of scale but do not foam when clear foam badly when they carry a great quantity of mud. Greth 1 states that foaming is due to condition of boiler, design of boiler, size and shape of water space, steam pipe, irregularity in blowing off, introduction of oil into the feed water from the exhaust steam, neglect to change water periodically, irregularity of load, or improper firing and feeding. He concludes that it is not merely the presence of sodium salts in solution that causes foaming, but the presence of other substances which together with the sodium salts and operating conditions bring about foaming. The writer believes that a strong solution of sodium carbonate might not induce excessive foaming in water otherwise pure, but its introduction into a boiler, which under operating conditions invariably contains suspended matter or precipitated sludge, might produce foaming by increasing the suspended matter either by precipitating calcium and magnesium or by loosening previously deposited scale. Under working conditions it is difficult to distinguish the actual cause of the trouble. Experience has shown that the type of boiler, steam pressure, and other operating conditions may greatly accelerate or retard foaming.

REMEDIES FOR BOILER TROUBLES.

The best way of remedying unsatisfactory boiler supplies is to treat them before they enter boilers, but where this is impracticable trouble can be minimized in various ways. Low-pressure large-flue

¹ Greth, J. C. W., Water softening and purification for coal-mine operations (paper read before the West Virginia Coal Mining Institute, Bluefield, W. Va., June 7, 1910).

boilers are used in many stationary plants with hard waters, and it is said that the scale formed in them is softer and more flocculent and can therefore be more readily removed than that formed in high-pressure boilers. Blowing off is about the only practical means of preventing foaming, because this trouble is due principally to concentration of substances in the residual water of the boilers. Accumulated sludge, or soft scale, is removed by blowing, particularly in locomotive practice. In condensing systems much of the trouble due to mineral matter in the feed water is obviated because the quantity of raw water supplied is proportionately small. Yet the problem is not completely solved in such systems, because the incrusting or corrosive action is transferred from the boiler to the condenser, which requires more or less cleaning and repairing in proportion to the undesirable qualities of the water supply.

BOILER COMPOUNDS.

Boiler compounds are widely used in regions where hard waters abound, but treatment within the boiler should be given only when it is impossible to purify the supply beforehand or when the supply is relatively pure and requires only minor correction. If previous purification is not practicable some feed waters can be improved by judicious addition of chemicals. Many substances, ranging from flour, oatmeal, and sliced potatoes to barium and chromium salts, have been recommended for such use, but only a few have proved to be really efficient. These substances have been classified 1 according to their action within the boiler. Those that attack chemically the scaling and corroding constituents precipitate incrusting matter and neutralize acids. Soda ash, the commercial form of sodium carbonate, containing about 95 per cent Na₂CO₃, is the most valuable substance of this character, because it is cheap and its use is attended with the least objectionable results. Tannin and tannin compounds are also used for the same purpose. The addition of limewater to the feed to prevent corrosion and to obviate foaming has been recommended,2 and it is probable that it would improve waters high in organic matter and very low in incrustants. Such practice increases the incrustants in proportion to lime added but prevents corrosion. Soda ash neutralizes free acids, precipitates the incrusting ingredients as a softer, more flocculent material, which is more easily removed from the boiler, and increases the foaming tendency of the water by increasing its content of dissolved matter. The proper amount to be used depends on the chemical composition of the water and the style of the boiler.

¹Cary, A. A., The use of boiler compounds: Am. Machinist, vol. 22, pt. 2, p. 1153, 1899.

² Palmer, Chase, Quality of the underground waters in the Blue Grass region of Kentucky: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 233, p. 187, 1909.

The second class of boiler compounds comprises those that act mechanically on the precipitated crystals of scale-making matter soon after they are formed, surrounding them and robbing them of their cement-like action. Glutinous, starchy, and oily substances belong to this class, but they are not now used to any considerable extent because they thicken and foul the water more than they prevent the formation of hard scale.

The third class comprises compounds that act mechanically like those of the second class and also partly dissolve deposited scale, thus loosening it and aiding in its ready removal. Of these, kerosene is very effective, but graphite is believed to be still better.

Many boiler compounds possessing or supposed to possess one or more of the functions just described are on the market and are widely sold. Some are effective and some are positively injurious. Most of them depend for their chief action on soda ash, petroleum, or a vegetable extract, but all are costly compared with lime and soda ash. Boiler compounds can not reduce the amount of scale and may increase it. Their only legitimate functions are to prevent corrosion and deposition of hard scale and to remove accumulations of scale that have become attached to the boiler. Every engineer should bear in mind that steam boilers are costly and that fuel and boiler repairs are costly and should hesitate to add substances to his feed water without competent advice as to their effect. It is far more economical to have the water supply analyzed and to treat it effectively by well-known chemicals in proper proportion, either within or without the boiler, than to experiment with compounds of unknown composition.

NUMERICAL STANDARDS.

Stabler's excellent mathematical discussion of the quality of waters with reference to industrial uses ¹ contains several formulas by which the effect of waters may be computed. They have been recalculated in order to obtain the estimates in parts per million. The terms involving iron, aluminum, and free acids have been omitted because these substances are too scarce to call for consideration in such approximate rating; and the terms involving sodium and potassium have been united for simplicity.

- (1) s = Sm + Cm + 2.95 Ca + 1.66 Mg
- (2) $h = SiO_2 + 1.66 Mg + 1.92 Cl + 1.42 SO_4 2.95 Na$
- (3) f = 2.7 Na
- (4) $c = 0.0821 \text{ Mg} 0.0333 \text{ CO}_3 0.0164 \text{ HCO}_3.$

These equations express numerically some of the relations that have been discussed in the preceding sections on scale, corrosion, and

¹ Stabler, Herman, Some stream waters of the western United States, with chapters on sediment carried by the Rio Grande and the industrial application of water analyses: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 274, p. 165, 1911. See also Eng. News, vol. 60, p. 355, 1908.

foaming. Sm, Cm, SiO₂, Ca, Mg, Na, Cl, SO₄, CO₃, and HCO₃ represent the amounts in parts per million, respectively, of suspended matter, colloidal matter (oxides of silicon, iron, and aluminum), silica, calcium, magnesium, alkalies, chlorine, sulphate, carbonate, and bicarbonate.

Formula 1 gives the amount of scale (s) that would probably be formed from the water under ordinary conditions of boiler operation; as the ground waters of San Joaquin Valley are practically clear, Sm is equal to zero. Cm has been given a value of 50 for waters not exceeding 400 parts of total solids and 30 for other waters, and these values may be considered large enough for safety.

Formula 2 gives the amount of hard scale forming ingredients (h). The ratio $\frac{h}{s}$ expresses the relative hardness of the scale. If $\frac{h}{s}$ is greater than 0.5 the scale may properly be called hard; if it is less than 0.25 the scale may properly be called soft.

Scale (s) has been estimated from the data of the field assays by adding to total hardness (H) the values of Cm used in formula 1 (s = Cm+H). As H theoretically equals 2.5 Ca+4.1 Mg, and the last two terms of equation 1 are 2.95 Ca+1.66 Mg, the unknown but variable ratio between calcium and magnesium introduces an uncertain error. Estimates of the scale-forming constituents are, however, always approximate, and experience indicates that this computed value is accurate enough for relative ratings.

Formula 3 gives the amount of the foaming ingredients (f), as estimated from the probable content of alkali salts. The value of sodium (Na) computed by the formula on page 57 has been used in computing the amount of the foaming ingredients from the results of the field assays.

Formula 4 has been used to calculate the corrosive tendency of the water (c). As can be readily seen from the coefficients, it expresses the relation between the reacting values of magnesium and the radicles involving carbonic acid (p. 62). If c is positive, the water If c + 0.0499 Ca, the reacting value of calcium, is negative, the mineral constituents will not cause corrosion, but whether organic matter or electrolysis will cause it is uncertain. If c + 0.0499Ca is positive corrosion is uncertain. These conditions of reaction may be restated to conform to the data of the field assays thus: If 0.033 CO₃+0.016 HCO₃ equals or exceeds 0.02 H the mineral constituents will not cause corrosion. If 0.004 H exceeds 0.033 CO₃+ 0.016 HCO₃ the water is corrosive. One-fiftieth of the total hardness (0.02 H) is equivalent to the reacting value of calcium and magnesium, and H divided by 230 (0.004 H) is equivalent to the reacting value of magnesium on the assumption that Ca = 6 Mg, a ratio in which magnesium is given its smallest probable value in relation to

calcium. The reacting values of carbonate and bicarbonate are represented, respectively, by 0.033 CO₃ and 0.016 HCO₃, the coefficients of which are obtained by dividing the valence of each radicle by its molecular weight.

After these three attributes of boiler feed have been computed rating the water is largely a matter of judgment based on experience. The committee on water service of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association has offered two classifications by which waters in their raw state may be approximately rated, but, as the report states, "it is difficult to define by analysis sharply the line between good and bad water for steammaking purposes." Table 11 gives these classifications with the amounts transformed to parts per million.

Table 11.—Ratings of waters for boiler use according to proportions of incrusting and corroding constituents and according to foaming constituents.

Incrusti	Incrusting and corroding constituents.			Foaming constituents.			
Parts pe	r million.	CI IO	Parts pe				
More than—	Not more than	Classifica- tion.a	More than—	Not more than—	Classifica- tion.b		
90 200 430	90 200 430	Good. Fair. Poor. Bad.	150 250 400	150 250 400	Good. Fair. Bad. Very bad.		

a Am. Ry. Eng. and Maintenance of Way Assoc. Proc., vol. 5, p. 595, 1904. b Idem, vol. 9, p. 134, 1908.

The classification by incrusting and corroding constituents has been applied to the computations of scale-forming ingredients (s) in the analytical tables accompanying this report. The quantity of foaming ingredients (f) should always be considered in conjunction with the probable amount of scale or sludge that would be formed, the hardness of the scale, and the tendency toward corrosion. ratings result in a classification rather more rigid than that usually reported by chemists of railroads in California, and for that reason those who are thoroughly familiar with local conditions and with the chemistry of water will doubtless prefer to disregard the descriptive terms of the classification and to draw their own conclusions regarding the quality of the waters from the figures representing scaling, foaming, and corrosion. The classifications are given principally for the aid of those not thoroughly familiar with such matters, and rather to indicate the limits of usefulness than to define rigidly the value of the waters.

No matter how low a water may be in undersirable constituents it is poor economy to use it if it is much poorer in quality than the average water of the region in which it occurs. On the other hand,

if the best available supply is poor the economy of purifying it even at large expense is obvious. Along the Atlantic Coast, where waters containing less than 100 parts per million of incrusting ingredients are extremely common, a supply carrying 200 parts of such substances would not be considered fair for boiler use. Throughout most of Mississippi Valley, however, such a supply would be considered good, because in that region natural waters not exceeding 100 parts in scaleforming constituents are rare. This variance in local standards is well illustrated by the opinions on the two sides of San Joaquin Valley as to what constitutes a good boiler water, and because of it numerical standards should be interpreted relatively not literally. At the same time any classification by nominal ratings must be applied absolutely if the terms are to have comparative significance outside the region where the waters exist. Waters of poor quality can be improved by treatment in softening plants. How bad a water may be used without treatment depends on the cost of softening the water and the relative saving effected by the use of the softened water. A report 1 of the committee on water service of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association sets forth the factors involved. The benefits include the saving in boiler cleaning, repairs, and fuel, the decrease in the time during which the boilers must be withdrawn from service for cleaning and repairs, the decreased depreciation of the boilers, and the value of the materials removed by soften-The cost of softening includes the cost of labor and power for the softening apparatus, the cost of softening chemicals, the interest on the cost of installation, depreciation in the value of the softening plant, and the waste in changing boiler feed due to increased foaming tendency.

In locomotive service, it is in general economical to treat waters containing 250 to 850 parts per million of incrustants and to treat those containing less than 250 parts if the scale formed contains much sulphate.² As the incrusting solids may commonly be reduced to 80 or 90 parts per million, the economy of treating boiler waters deserves consideration in a region where many supplies contain 300 to 500 parts per million of incrusting matter.

The amount of mineral matter that makes a water unfit for boiler use depends on the combined effect in boilers of the softening reagents used with such waters and of the constituents not removed by softening. Sodium salts added to remove incrustants or to prevent corrosion increase the foaming tendency, and this increase may be great enough to render a water useless for steaming. It is not of much benefit to soften a water containing more than 850 parts per million of nonincrusting material and much incrusting sulphate.² Trouble

¹ Am. Ry. Eng. and Maintenance of Way Assoc. Proc., vol. 8, p. 601, 1907.

² Idem, vol. 6, p. 610, 1905.

from priming in locomotive boilers begins at a concentration of about 1,700 parts per million of foaming constituents, and the limit of safety for stationary boilers is reached at a concentration of about 7,000 parts. Though waters containing as high as 1,700 parts per million of foaming constituents have been used, it is usually more economical to incur considerable expense in replacing such supplies by better ones.

WATER FOR MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIAL USES.

GENERAL REQUISITES.

Many articles are affected by the ingredients of the water used in their manufacture and can be improved by its purification. If by the same process the boiler efficiency of the factory can be increased the expense is often justified when it would not be warranted merely by the increased value of the product. This observation applies particularly to paper, pulp, and strawboard mills, laundries, and other establishments where large quantities of water are evaporated to furnish steam for drying, and to ice factories and similar plants where distilled water is required.

Besides its use for steam making water plays a specific part in many manufacturing processes. In paper mills, strawboard mills, bleacheries, dye works, canning factories, pickle factories, creameries, slaughterhouses, packing houses, nitroglycerin factories, distilleries, breweries, woolen mills, starch works, sugar works, canneries, glue factories, soap factories, and chemical works water becomes a part of the product or is essential in its manufacture. In most of these establishments the principal function of the water is that of a cleansing agent or a vehicle for other substances, and therefore a supply free from color, odor, suspended matter, microscopic organisms, and especially from bacteria of fecal origin, and fairly low in dissolved substances, especially iron, is with few exceptions satisfactory. But water hygienically acceptable is necessary where it comes into contact with or forms part of food materials, as in the making of beverages, sugar, and dairy or meat products. As ideal waters for any use are rare, the manufacturer must ascertain what degree of freedom from impurities is necessary to prevent injury to his machinery or to his output and whether the cost of obtaining such purity is counterbalanced by decreased cost of production and increased value of product.

EFFECTS OF DISSOLVED AND SUSPENDED MATERIALS.

The effects in some industries of the substances most commonly found in water are outlined in the following pages, the object being to offer approximate standards for classification.

FREE ACIDS.

Free mineral acids, such as the sulphuric acid in drainage from coal mines or the hydrochloric acid in the effluents of some industrial establishments, are especially injurious and nearly always have to be neutralized before the waters containing them can be used industrially. In paper mills, cotton mills, bleacheries, and dye works waters containing a measurable amount of free mineral acid decompose chemicals, streak and rot fabrics, and corrode and rapidly destroy metal screens, strainers, and pipes.

SUSPENDED MATTER.

Suspended matter in surface waters may be of vegetable, mineral, or animal origin, as it consists of particles of sewage, bits of leaves, sticks and sawdust, and sand and clay. The fine silt so common in rivers of the West is largely derived from clay. Few well waters contain suspended animal or vegetable matter, but many carry finely divided sand and clay, and many become turbid by precipitation of dissolved ingredients. Suspended matter is objectionable in all processes in which water is used for washing or comes into contact with food materials, because it is likely to stain or spot the product. Suspended matter due to precipitated iron is especially injurious even in small amount. Suspended vegetable or animal matter liable to decomposition or to partial solution is much more objectionable, even in small amount (10 to 20 parts per million), than equal quantities of mineral matter. For these reasons water should be freed from suspended matter before being used for laundering, bleaching, wool scouring, paper making, dyeing, starch and sugar making, brewing, distilling, and similar processes. In making the coarser grades of paper, such as strawboard, a small amount of suspended matter is not especially injurious, but for the finer white and colored varieties clear water is essential.

COLOR.

Color in water is due principally to solution of vegetable matter. Materials bleached, washed, or dyed light shades in colored water are likely to become tinged. Highly colored waters can be used in making wrapping or dark-tinted papers but not in making the white grades, and paper manufacturers are put to great expense for water purification on that account. The lower waters are in color, therefore, the more desirable they are for use in bleacheries, dye works, paper mills, and other factories where brown tints in the products are undesirable.

IRON.

Iron is the most undesirable dissolved constituent, and its presence in comparatively small quantities necessitates purification. Many ground waters contain 1 to 20 parts per million of iron, which may

be precipitated by exposure to the air and by release of hydrostatic pressure, causing the waters to become turbid, and many such waters develop rusty-looking gelatinous growths that may interfere in industrial operations. In all cleansing processes, especially if soap or alkali is used, precipitated iron is likely to cause rusty or dull spots. In contact with materials containing tannin compounds iron forms greenish or black substances that discolor the product. Therefore many waters containing amounts even as small as 1 or 2 parts per million of iron have to be purified before they can be used industrially. In water for dye works iron is especially objectionable and commonly prevents the use of the water without purification. Iron in the water supply of paper mills may be precipitated on the pulp, giving a brown color, or during sizing or tinting, giving spotty effects. Water containing much iron can not be used in bleaching fabrics because salts that spot the goods are formed. The dark-colored compounds that iron forms with tannin discolor hides in tanning and barley in malting, and give beer a bad color, odor, and taste.2

CALCIUM AND MAGNESIUM.

Calcium and magnesium are similar in their industrial effects. water their amounts bear a more or less definite relation to each other, most waters carrying 10 to 50 per cent as much magnesium as calcium. Both are precipitated on whatever is boiled in water containing them, forming a deposit that may interfere with later operations. They also decompose equivalent amounts of many chemicals employed in technical operations, causing waste and forming alkaline-earth compounds that interfere with the later treatment of fabrics. These are the strongest incentives to preliminary softening. Some of the chemicals used to disintegrate the fibers in making pulp are consumed by the calcium and magnesium in the water supply, though the loss from this source is not nearly so great as that which occurs later when the resin soap used in sizing the paper is decomposed by the calcium and magnesium. The insoluble soaps thus created do not fix themselves on the fibers, but form clots and streaks. Similar decomposition of valuable cleansing materials and subsequent deposition of insoluble compounds take place in laundering, wool scouring, and similar proc-In the manufacture of soap, calcium and magnesium form with the fatty acids curdy precipitates that are insoluble in water and therefore have no cleansing value. They interfere with many dyeing operations, neutralizing chemicals and changing the reactions of the baths, besides forming insoluble compounds with many dyes. Highly calcareous waters can not be used for boiling the grain in distilleries because they hinder proper action by causing the deposition of

Sadtler, S. P., A handbook of industrial organic chemistry, p. 483, Philadelphia, 1900.
 De la Coux, M. A. J., L'eau dans l'industrie, pp. 187, 232, Paris, 1900.

alkaline-earth salts on the particles of grain, nor for diluting spirits because they cause turbidity.¹ Very soft water, on the other hand, is said to be undesirable in paper mills for loading papers with any form of calcium sulphate because such waters dissolve part of the loading materials.² Probably waters high in chlorides would also be bad for this purpose, because chlorides increase the solubility of calcium sulphate.

CARBONATE.

The effects of carbonate and bicarbonate in waters used in industrial processes are commonly not differentiated. It is not unusual to estimate the combined carbonic acid and to state it as the carbonate without distinguishing between carbonate and bicarbonate, though in many natural waters the carbonate radicle is absent and the combined carbonic acid is in the form of bicarbonate. If hard waters proportionately high in carbonate and low in sulphate are boiled the bicarbonate radicle is decomposed, free carbonic acid is given off, and the greater part of the calcium and magnesium is precipitated. Consequently waters of that character are generally more desirable for industrial operations than waters high in sulphate and low in carbonate, whose hardening constituents are not greatly reduced by boiling. In beer making waters high in carbonate are said to produce dark-colored beers with a pronounced malt flavor because the carbonate increases the solubility of the nitrogenous bodies, whereas waters high in sulphate yield pale beers with a definite hop flavor because the sulphate reduces the solubility of the malt and the coloring matters.3

SULPHATE.

The influence of sulphate in beer making has been noted. Hard waters with sulphate predominating are desirable in tanning heavy hides, because they swell the skins, exposing more surface for the action of the tan liquors.⁴ Sulphate interferes with crystallization in sugar making by increasing the amount of sugar retained in the mother liquor.

CHLORINE.

High chlorine is usually accompanied by high alkalies. Appreciable amounts of chlorine are injurious in many industrial processes. Beverages and food products, of course, can not be treated with waters very high in chlorine without becoming salty. In tanning, chlorides cause the hides to become thin and flabby. Animal char-

¹ De la Coux, M. A. J., L'eau dans l'industrie, p. 251, Paris, 1900.

² Cross, C. F., and Bevan, E. J., A textbook of paper making, p. 294, New York, 1900.

³ Brewing water, its defects and remedies, p. 19, American Burtonizing Co., New York, 1909. Also De la Coux, M. A. J., op. cit., p. 169.

⁴ Parker, H. N., and others, The Potomac River basin: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 192, p. 194, 1907.

coal used in clarifying sugar is robbed of its bleaching power by absorption of salt. The quality of sugars is affected by chloride-bearing waters, because saline salts are incorporated in the crystals. In the preparation of alcoholic beverages chlorides in large amount prevent the growth of the yeast and interfere with the germination of the grain. The only commercially developed way of removing chlorine from water is distillation. As the cost of this process has been greatly reduced by use of multiple-effect evaporators, it is worth consideration where chloride-bearing waters must be used.

ORGANIC MATTER.

Organic matter of fecal origin is, of course, dangerous in any water that comes into contact with food products, and water so polluted should be purified before being used. Care in this respect is particularly necessary in creameries, slaughterhouses, canneries, pickle factories, distilleries, breweries, and sugar factories. Organic matter not necessarily capable of producing disease is further undesirable in industrial supplies because it induces decomposition in other organic materials, like cloth, yarn, sugar, starch, meat, or paper, rotting and discoloring them, and because it causes slime spots on fabrics by supporting algæ growths.

HYDROGEN SULPHIDE.

Hydrogen sulphide (H₂S), a gas with an odor like that of rotten eggs, occurs dissolved in some ground waters. It is corrosive even in small quantities, and it also injures materials by discoloring and rotting them.

MISCELLANEOUS SUBSTANCES.

Silica and aluminum are usually not present in sufficient quantity appreciably to affect any industrial process, except those in which water is evaporated. Large quantities of sodium and potassium, by adding to the amount of dissolved matter, are objectionable in some manufacturing operations. Phosphates, nitrates, and some other substances not noted in this outline interfere with industrial chemical reactions, but they are present in few natural waters in sufficient quantity to have noticeable effect.

WATER FOR DOMESTIC USE.

PHYSICAL QUALITIES.

Entirely acceptable domestic supplies are free from suspended matter, color, odor, and taste and are fairly cool when they reach the consumer. The more nearly waters fulfill these conditions the more satisfactory they are for general use. Suspended mineral matter clogs pipes, valves, and faucets, and growths of microscopic plants

¹ De la Coux, M. A. J., op. cit., p. 152.

suspended in water frequently cause odors and stains. The outlets of some artesian wells in San Joaquin Valley are surrounded by growths of microscopic organisms, which form tufts or layers in pipes and well casings and sometimes clog them. Detached particles escape through faucets, giving the water an unsightly appearance and staining clothes washed in it. So far as known, such growths in tanks and mains do not cause disease, but they often impart unpleasant odors that make the water objectionable. True color is usually due to dissolved vegetable matter and causes serious objection only when it exceeds 20 to 30 parts per million.

In general, the well waters of this area are satisfactory in respect to suspended mineral matter and color. Finely divided material from quicksands enters some driven wells, but such trouble is not so serious as it is in other parts of the country. A few waters, especially those containing iron, develop a turbidity of 10 to 30 parts per million on exposure to the air by precipitating dissolved matter, and such condition gives rise to apparent though not to real color. The only ground waters possessing much real color were found near the north end of Tulare Lake, where buried peat beds of old swamps probably contribute the organic matter that causes the color.

The odor most commonly noticed in the ground waters of the valley is that of hydrogen sulphide, especially in the area where artesian wells yield notable quantities of natural gas. According to analyses quoted by Watts ¹ the gas from wells at Stockton comprises about 25 per cent nitrogen, 12 per cent hydrogen, and 60 per cent hydrocarbon illuminants estimated as marsh gas (CH₄), and probably this composition represents the general character of the gas throughout the valley, though the proportions of the substances may differ locally. The content of hydrogen sulphide is doubtless very small, but minute quantities of it are sufficient to cause appreciable odor. This smell, nauseating to some people, can usually be removed by spraying or splashing the water.

BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITIES.

Before a water is used for domestic purposes there should be reasonable certainty that it is free from disease-bearing organisms and that it can be guarded against all chances of infection. The disease germs most commonly carried by water are those of typhoid fever. The bacilli enter the supply from some spot infected by the discharges of a person sick with this disease, and, though comparatively short lived in water, they persist in fecal deposits and retain their power of infection for remarkable lengths of time. Consequently, water from lakes and streams draining from population centers or

¹ Watts, W. L., The gas and petroleum yielding formations of the central valley of California: California State Mining Bur. Bull. 3, p. 75, 1894.

from irrigated fields should not be used for drinking without purification. Wells should be so located as to be guarded against the entrance of filth of any kind, either over the top or by infiltration. Pumps and piping in the system should also be protected. from a carefully cased well more than 20 or 30 feet deep is acceptable if the well is located at a reasonable distance from privies, cesspools. and other sources of pollution. Many open dug wells and pits constructed as reservoirs around the tops of casings are exposed to fecal contamination from above or through cracks in poorly built side walls. Care should be taken that the casings of deep wells do not become leaky near the surface of the ground so as to allow pollution to enter. As a matter of ordinary precaution the ground should be kept clean and water should not be allowed to become foul or stagnant near any well, no matter how deep. If shallow dug wells are necessary they should be constructed with water-tight walls extending as far as practicable into the well and also a short distance above ground. The floor or curbing should be water-tight, and pumps should be used in preference to buckets for raising the water. Every possible precaution should be taken to prevent feet scrapings and similar dirt from getting into the well. Ground water is not only less likely to become contaminated when protected from surface washings, air, and light, but it keeps better and is less likely to develop microscopic plants that give it an unpleasant taste.

CHEMICAL QUALITIES.

The amounts of dissolved substances permissible in a domestic supply depend much on their nature. No more than traces of barium, copper, zinc, or lead should be present, because these substances are poisonous; however, their occurrence in measurable amounts in ordinary waters is so rare that tests for them are not usually made. Any constituent present in sufficient amount to be clearly perceptible to the taste is objectionable. Water containing 2 parts per million of iron is unpalatable to many people and may cause trouble by discoloring washbowls and tubs and by producing rusty stains on clothes. Tea and coffee can not be made satisfactorily with water containing much iron because a black inky compound is formed. Four or five parts of hydrogen sulphide makes a water unpleasant to the taste, and this gas is objectionable also because it corrodes well strainers and other metal fittings. The amounts of silica and aluminum ordinarily present in well waters have no special significance in relation to domestic supply.

Approximately 250 parts of chlorine makes a water "salty," and

Approximately 250 parts of chlorine makes a water "salty," and less than that amount causes corrosion. Where the chlorine content runs as low as 5 or 10 parts in normal waters unaffected by animal pollution the amount of chlorine is frequently taken as a

measure of contamination. But the establishment of isochlors, or lines of equal chlorine, in San Joaquin Valley would be of little sanitary value, because many of the ground waters dissolve so much chlorine from the silt that the small changes caused by animal pollution are completely masked.

Calcium and magnesium are the chief causes of what is known as the hardness of water. This undesirable quality is indicated by increased soap consumption and by deposition on kettles of scale composed almost entirely of calcium, magnesium, carbonate, and sulphate. Calcium and magnesium, forming with soap insoluble curdy compounds that have no cleansing value, prevent the formation of a lather until these two basic radicles have been precipitated. Hardness is commonly measured by the soap-consuming capacity of a water expressed as an equivalent of calcium carbonate (CaCO₃), and it can be determined by actual testing with a standard solution of soap or can be computed from the amounts of calcium (Ca) and magnesium (Mg) by means of the following formula:

Total hardness as $CaCO_3 = 2.5 Ca + 4.1 Mg$.

If, as Whipple states, 1 pound of ordinary soap would soften only about 24 gallons of water having a total hardness of 200 parts per million, it can readily be seen that the hardness of water is of intimate concern, especially in the west side, where waters as hard as 300 to 1,000 parts are common. Soda ash (sodium carbonate) is used to "break" or soften hard water in order to save soap. Some large cities in other States have found it advisable to soften their public supplies instead of leaving that task to the individual consumer.

MINERAL MATTER AND POTABILITY.

The lower waters are in mineral content the more acceptable they are as sources of supply, yet the amount of dissolved substances that can be tolerated in drinking water is much greater than that allowable in city supplies, for which hardness, corrosion, pipe clogging, and general utility have to be considered. Though there are certain limits above which the common ingredients are intolerable, these limits are not only difficult to ascertain but are also likely to shift. A normal water is not a pure solution of one salt, whose physiologic effect can be measured, but an indeterminate mixture of solutions of several salts whose effects are not easily differentiated. Further, though all animals select for drinking waters that are lowest in solids and avoid those that are highest, the same animals, when transported to districts of poor water, accustom themselves to supplies of far greater mineral content than those which before they would not

¹ Whipple, G. C., The value of pure water, p. 26, New York, 1907.

touch. Consequently any general limits that may be assigned to the various mineral ingredients must be regarded as extremely flexible. The truth of this statement may be more fully appreciated by consideration of the data in Table 12, in which the analyses are grouped according to the chemical character of the waters and are arranged in each group in descending order of strength.

Table 12.—Mineral matter in certain waters.

[Parts per million.]

No.	Carbonate radicle (CO ₃).	Sulphate radicle (SO ₄).	Chlorine (Cl).	Total hardness as CaCO ₃ .	Total solids.	Calcium and mag- nesium (Ca+Mg).	Sodium and potassium (Na+K).	Character of water.
1	43 360 75 46 54 200 1100 362 97 73 410 963 208 100 75 72 60	Tr. 1,560 5 328 390 5 2,300 1,810 1,640 800 430 620 Tr. Tr. Tr. 1,680 1,380 1,380 1,380 895	4, 310 1, 300 1, 740 1, 520 1, 620 1,	2, 800 910 506 490 31 1, 130 1, 760 560 47 71 1, 280 1, 320 1, 100 720 50	7, 489 5, 000 3, 600 3, 600 2, 800 872 4, 900 3, 200 4, 100 1, 700 2, 452 750 2, 900 2, 400 1, 700 1, 700	966 300 170 160 111 380 150 190 25 191 15 24 400 440 370 228 16	1,550 830 1,030 320 580 600 320 300 750 240 86 400 220 305 208	Na-Cl. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do

a From a manuscript report by Herman Stabler on the underground waters of Carson Sink, 1904. The other analyses were made for this report.

The first group in Table 12 represents sodium chloride waters; that is, waters in which alkalies and chlorides predominate. Analysis No. 1, of water from a gas well in Stockton, represents a solution of the chlorides of calcium, magnesium, sodium, and potassium with little else. The water contains 4,310 parts per million of chlorine, and it is so salty that it is nauseating. The water represented by the next analysis has been used by the owner's family several years for all domestic purposes, but visitors object to it and consider it disagreeable to drink. No. 3 is the analysis of water from a deep well near Stockton that was formerly used as a source of domestic supply but has been abandoned. Nos. 4 and 5 are analyses of water from artesian wells near San Joaquin River, and though both supplies taste disagreeably salty to persons not accustomed to them, they are regularly used for drinking, cooking, and washing. Two gallons of the former water contains about as much common salt as a pound of No. 6, the test of the supply of a very deep aruncooked ham. tesian well on the west side not far from Lemoore, indicates a water much lower in chloride but higher in carbonate or "black alkali." As the farm on which the well is situated was not occupied information regarding the value of the water as a constant beverage could not be obtained. It contains much gas and would be distasteful on that account; otherwise, however, it differs from that represented by No. 14 only in being somewhat higher in chloride and alkalies.

More strongly mineralized alkaline sulphate waters are drunk. The first one (see analysis No. 7), from a well in Carson Sink, was used when necessary, but the domestic supply was commonly hauled from another source several miles away. The water represented by analysis No. 8, which has been used for all domestic purposes for several years on a ranch west of Mendota, carries 1,800 parts of sulphate and exceeds 3,000 in total solids. It has a distinct taste and drinking a quart of it would be equivalent to taking somewhat less than a minimum dose of Glauber's salt. The water corresponding to No. 9 was used in the cook wagon and for watering the stock about one year on a ranch near Tulare Lake, but it was considered "alkali" water, and the domestic supply is now obtained from a deeper and much better well. Chloride and carbonate, as well as sulphate, however, are notably high in this water. The waters corresponding to 10 and 11 are used for all domestic purposes, though they have a distinct taste. The former is one of a battery of wells that have been the exclusive supply of a family for three years, and the latter is the municipal supply of Mendota.

The examples in the next group prove that less alkaline carbonates can be tolerated. The first analysis (No. 12) shows a water also high in chloride but not excessive in sulphate. This water has a color of 130, and it obviously carries much "black alkali." A party of men accustomed to alkali was so badly afflicted with diarrhea after drinking this water that work had to be stopped until another supply could be obtained. No. 13 shows nearly double the amount of carbonate but no sulphate. This water supplies a trough for stock, but it was evidently repugnant to the cattle, and current report in the neighborhood is to the effect that water from wells of the same depth "kills hogs," a phrase that seems to express the acme of undesirability. The mixture of alkaline carbonates and chlorides with the former predominating, indicated by test No. 14, has been used many years, but it is much lower in carbonate than the preceding two. The water listed under No. 15, the city supply of Stockton for many years, is drunk both by the inhabitants of the city and by visitors without harmful effect.

Though the next four are designated calcium sulphate waters the alkalies also are high, and, furthermore, application of the term calcium necessarily implies the presence of magnesium in amounts ranging from 10 to 40 per cent of the total calcium and magnesium given in the seventh column of the table. The water corresponding to No. 16 can not be used for cooking, and herders object to it so strongly

that the drinking supply is hauled 8 miles from the well represented by No. 17, which earries 300 parts less of sulphate and about half as much sodium and potassium. Analysis No. 18, which is similar to No. 17, is of a water that has been used more than 10 years for cooking and drinking by one man. These three waters tasted unpleasantly strong to the writer and seemed to increase thirst instead of quenching it. Though the water represented by analysis No. 19 is lower in sulphate than the preceding ones of this group, it is strongly mineralized. It is the hotel supply at Huron, where it is used for all purposes.

Calcium carbonate waters are extremely common, but it is unusual for them to be so highly mineralized as those of other classes. The representative of this type, indicated by test No. 20, is low in total solids and is entirely acceptable for drinking and cooking.

The immediate consequence of drinking waters too high in mineral content is usually diarrhea. Many persons at first afflicted with this trouble become accustomed to the new supply and acquire what may be termed immunity. Whether other disorders result from the continued drinking of such waters is not known; and it is equally uncertain whether cattle and horses that so commonly are reported to have been killed by drinking strong mineral water were killed by the purging produced by the mineral matter in the water or by excessive consumption of water itself. It would appear from the data in Table 12 and the comments on it that alkaline carbonates are most injurious and alkaline sulphates least injurious and that alkaline chlorides occupy an intermediate position. This arrangement corresponds to the order of the same substances in reference to their toxic effect on plants. The most striking feature is that the amounts of mineral matter in most of these waters is much greater than that ordinarily considered permissible in drinking water. Waters exceeding 300 parts per million of carbonate, 1,500 parts of chloride, or 2,000 parts of sulphate are apparently intolerable to most people. These limits fortunately are far beyond the points where the substances in solution are clearly perceptible to the ordinary taste. In conclusion it can not be too emphatically stated that the information on this subject is fragmentary and uncertain and that any limits of mineral tolerance are modified by individual idiosyncrasy.1

INTERPRETATION OF FIELD ASSAYS IN RELATION TO POTABILITY.

CHEMICAL CHARACTER.

The total amount of mineral matter and the nature of the chief constituents in a water comprise the essential information for judging its potability in respect to mineral ingredients. Though nitrates,

¹ For further data see Dole, R. B., Concentration of mineral water in relation to therapeutic activity: U. S. Geol. Survey Mineral Resources, 1911, pt. 2, pp. 1175–1192, 1912.

phosphates, sulphides, and other substances occur in some waters they may usually be disregarded in interpretation or their insignificance verified by a few laboratory analyses. Silica is usually present in colloidal form and it is relatively constant in quantity.

Calcium and magnesium are similar in many effects and they vary in amount together, calcium usually being the greater. and potassium are so similar in effect that they are seldom separated in industrial analyses but are reported together as sodium. Carbonate and bicarbonate, representing more or less conventionally different conditions of carbonate in equilibrium, may be considered together under the common term of carbonate (CO₂), to which bicarbonate is translated by dividing by 2.03. These groupings, rendered possible by the usual mode of occurrence of these substances and by their effects, greatly simplify classification of waters that have been assayed. Direct estimates are made of carbonate, sulphate, and chloride, the three principal acid radicles. The approximate amount of the alkaline earths, calcium and magnesium, can be computed from the total hardness; theoretically the total amount of these two bases must be between 40 per cent and 24 per cent of the total hardness expressed as CaCO₃; it usually lies between 37 per cent and 30 per cent, as the ratio of calcium to magnesium ranges from 7 to 1; therefore, one-third of the hardness is a reasonable estimate of the alkaline earths that will usually be in error less than 10 per cent. The alkalies, sodium and potassium, can be computed by the Stabler formula already noted (p. 57). These estimates and computations of the amounts of the chief acids and bases can then be used in applying the following classification:

Classification of water by chemical character.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Calcium (Ca)} \\ \text{Sodium (Na)} \end{array} \} \begin{array}{c} \text{Carbonate (CO_3)}. \\ \text{Sulphate (SO_4)}. \\ \text{Chloride (Cl)}. \end{array}$$

The designation "calcium" indicates that calcium and magnesium predominate, and "sodium" that sodium and potassium predominate among the bases; the designation "carbonate," "sulphate," or "chloride" shows which acid radicle predominates. Combination of the two terms classifies the water by type, and tabulation of the classification can be abbreviated by use of the symbols. The appellation Na-CO₃, for example, indicates that sodium and potassium predominate among the bases and that carbonate or bicarbonate, or both, predominate among the acids, and that the water would yield on concentration and crystallization more sodium carbonate than any other salt, though this classification does not in any way show the amounts of the salts in solution.

The numerical preponderance of certain acid and basic radicles establishes the nature of many waters, but if further refinement in classification is desired comparison can be made of the reacting values of the radicles, which are the fundamental bases of the effect of the radicles. These values can be computed by multiplying the amount of each constituent by its valence and dividing the product by its molecular weight. The factors given in Table 13 can be used for that purpose. The factor for sodium may be used for the combined values of sodium and potassium. The reacting value of calcium and magnesium is nearly one-fiftieth of total hardness (H), as theoretic-

ally H=2.5 Ca+4.1 Mg, whence $\frac{H}{50}$ =0.050 Ca+0.082 Mg.

Table 13.—Factors for computing reacting values.

Basic radicles.	Factor.	Acid radicles.	Factor.
Calcium (Ca). Magnesium (Mg). Sodium (Na). Potassium (K).	.0821	Carbonate radicle ($\mathrm{CO_3}$). Bicarbonate radicle ($\mathrm{HCO_3}$). Sulphate radicle ($\mathrm{SO_4}$) Nitrate radicle ($\mathrm{NO_3}$) Chlorine (Cl)	.0208

TOTAL SOLIDS.

Total solids can be computed from the data of a field assay in several ways, one of which is to calculate the probable amount of saline residue that would be produced by the acid radicles and to add thereto an arbitrary amount for silica, undetermined substances, and volatile matter. As potassium has the smallest reacting weight of the four common bases the assumptions that equal amounts of sodium and potassium are present and that calcium and magnesium are absent constitute an extreme condition representing a maximum saline residue; similarly, the assumptions that equal parts of calcium and magnesium are present and that the alkalies are absent constitute the condition representing a minimum saline residue. A formula based on an average between these two extremes gives an estimate of total solids (T. S.) within 15 per cent of the exact value for most natural waters.

T. S. =
$$SiO_2 + 1.73 CO_3 + 0.86 HCO_3 + 1.48 SO_4 + 1.62 Cl.$$

The average content of silica (SiO_2) in most ground waters of San Joaquin Valley, according to available analyses, is about 30 parts per million in waters exceeding 400 parts of total solids and 50 parts in other waters. The estimate of solids should not be expressed more

closely than to the nearest 10 parts or with more than two significant figures, and it may be translated into words by the following rating:

Table 14.—Rating of waters by total colids.

Total solids mill	s (parts per ion).	Classification.
More than—	Not more than—	Classification.
150 500 2,000	150 500 2,000	Low. Moderate. High. Very high.

PURIFICATION OF WATER.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

Purification of water is removal or reduction in amount of the substances that render waters in their raw state unsuitable for use. It is practiced on a large scale with one or more of three objects in view: First, to render the supply safe and unobjectionable for drinking; second, to reduce the amount of the mineral ingredients injurious to boilers; third, to remove substances injurious to machinery or to industrial products. The largest purification plants in this country have been constructed almost solely to render the waters potable; and some waters, when so purified, need no further treatment to make them suitable for steaming and for general industrial use. But many other waters are hard, and increased appreciation of the value of good water has resulted in demand for the removal of the hardening constituents also.

Only a few settlements in San Joaquin Valley have surface water supplies for domestic use, and extensive installation of filter plants is doubtful. But if municipalities in the region ever adopt river supplies, filtration will be necessary because of the widespread pollution of the streams by drainage from irrigated lands. The present general use of boiler compounds, however, even on the east side, indicates the advisability of water softening. Feed-water purification plants are now common on the west side, and future development of that region of highly mineralized waters will be accompanied by increase in the number of these plants.

Removal of bacteria, especially those causing disease, and removal of turbidity, odor, taste, and iron are the principal requirements in purification of a municipal supply, elimination of bacteria and suspended matter being the most important. The common methods of effecting such purification are slow filtration through sand and rapid filtration after coagulation, both methods usually being com-

bined with sedimentation.¹ The first process is known as "slow sand" filtration and the second as "mechanical" or "rapid sand" filtration. The efficiency of such filters is measured primarily by the ratio between the number of bacteria in the applied water and the number in the effluent. This figure, stated in percentage of removal, should be as high as 98, and it often reaches 99.8 per cent under normal conditions with a carefully operated filter of either kind.

Removal of scale-forming and neutralization of corrosive constituents are the chief aims in preparing water for steam making. For this two general methods are employed—cold chemical precipitation followed by sedimentation, and heating with or without chemicals, usually followed by rapid filtration. The first process is carried on in cold-water softening plants and the second in feed-water heaters.

METHODS OF PURIFICATION.

The requirements of the water supplies for industries are so varied that classification of purification methods is difficult. Water properly prepared for domestic and boiler use is suitable for most industrial establishments, and it is more economical for small manufacturers in large cities to obtain such water from the city mains than to maintain private supplies and purification apparatus. It is usually cheaper, however, for large factories to be supplied from separate sources, not only because of saving in actual cost of water but also because of the opportunity thus afforded of procuring water specially adapted to the needs of the factory. The common methods of industrial-water purification are those already mentioned, or combinations of them, modified to meet particular needs. In a few industrial processes, notably the manufacture of ice by the can system, water practically free from all dissolved and suspended substances is necessary and distilled water must be manufactured. Recent improvements in multiple-effect evaporators have greatly reduced the cost of distillation, so that it is now economical to distill for industrial and domestic use many waters heretofore considered too highly mineralized to be treatable. Many large factories, hotels, and even municipalities have installed multiple-effect stills.

Besides the four common systems of purification, many minor processes are used, sometimes alone, but more frequently as adjuncts to filters or softeners. Surface waters are screened through wooden or iron grids or through revolving wire screens to remove sticks and leaves before other treatment. Coarse suspended matter can be removed by rapid filtration through ground quartz or similar material, in units of convenient size, provided with arrangements for wash-

¹ For description of filters see Johnson, G. A., The purification of public water supplies: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 315, 1913.

ing the filtering medium similar to those used in mechanical filters. Very turbid river waters may be first allowed to stand in large sedimentation basins in order to reduce the cost of operating the filters by preliminary removal of a large part of the suspended solids. Supplies undesirable only because of their iron content are aerated by being sprayed into the air or by being allowed to trickle over rocks or by other methods that cause evaporation of carbonic acid and absorption of oxygen, thus precipitating and oxidizing the iron in solution so that it can readily be removed by rapid filtration. Similar aeration is employed to evaporate and oxidize dissolved gases that cause objectionable tastes and odors.

Disinfection by ozone, copper sulphate, calcium hypochlorite, and many other substances kills organisms that may cause disease or impart bad odors and tastes. Purification of this character must be done with substances that destroy the objectionable organisms without making the water poisonous to animals. Calcium hypochlorite, sodium hypochlorite, and chlorine gas are used to disinfect drinking water, and treatment with these substances is now widely practiced either as an adjunct to filtration or as an emergency precaution where otherwise untreated supplies are believed to be contaminated. Disinfection by this method is not a substitute for purification by filtration, for it does not remove suspended matter nor appreciable amounts of color, organic matter, swampy tastes. or odors, and it does not soften water. Natural purification of water is accomplished largely through biologic processes,2 in which the organic matter is oxidized by serving as food for bacteria and objectionable organisms are destroyed by the production of conditions unfavorable to their existence. Action of this kind takes place in reservoirs and lakes, and it is also relied upon in many processes for the artificial purification of sewage.3

SLOW SAND FILTRATION.

Slow sand filtration consists in causing water to pass downward through a layer of sand of such thickness and fineness that the requisite removal of suspended substances is accomplished. The slow sand filter is also called the "continuous" and the "English" filter. On the bottom of a water-tight basin, commonly constructed of concrete, perforated tiles or pipes laid in the form of a grid are covered with a foot of gravel graded in size from 25 to 3 millimeters in diameter from bottom to top. A layer of fine sand, 3 to 4 feet deep, is put over the gravel, which serves only to support the sand.

¹ Op. cit., p. 71.

² Hazen, Allen, Clean water and how to get it, p. 83, New York, 1907.

³ Winslow, C.-E. A., and Phelps, E. B., Investigations on the purification of Boston sewage, with a history of the sewage-disposal problem: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 185, 1906.

When water is applied on the surface, it passes through the sand and the gravel and flows away through the underdrain. The suspended materials, including bacteria, are removed by the sand, the action of which is rendered more efficient by the rapid formation of a mat of finely divided sediment on its surface. When this film has become so thick that filtration is unduly retarded, the water is allowed to subside and about half an inch of sand is removed, after which filtration is resumed. The sand thus taken off is washed to free it from the collected impurities and is replaced on the beds after they have been reduced about a foot in thickness by successive scrapings. cleaning necessitates temporary withdrawal of filters from service. they are divided into units of convenient size, usually one-half to 1 acre each, so that the operation of the entire system may not be interrupted. Most modern filters are roofed and sodded, as this facilitates cleaning by preventing the formation of ice, permits work on the filter beds in all kinds of weather, inhibits algo growths, and prevents agitation of the water by wind and rain.

The foregoing are the essential features of a slow sand filter, but several adjuncts render this system more efficient. A clearwater basin for the filtered supply, covered to prevent deterioration of the water, is provided in order that the varying rate of consumption may not unduly affect the rate of filtration. Clarification of turbid water is rendered more economical by allowing it to stand for one to three days, during which a large portion of the suspended matter is deposited, so that the time between sand scrapings is lengthened. In some plants roughing or preliminary filters consisting of beds of coarse sand or fine crushed stone are provided, through which the water flows 15 to 20 times as fast as through the sand filters, a very large proportion of the suspended matter being thus removed. Objectionable odors and tastes may be obviated by aeration before or after filtration. Killing the bacteria before filtration by use of chlorine or other germicides is also practiced.

Slow sand filtration removes practically all the suspended matter and the bacteria. Color is only slightly reduced and hardness is not changed. The process is specially adapted to waters low in color and suspended matter and slightly polluted. Very small particles of clay are not removed by these filters and waters carrying such particles only for short periods may be benefited by the occasional addition of a coagulant before filtration. It can readily be seen that the efficiency of this kind of filter depends largely on the character of the sand, as the ability to prevent the passage of suspended matter is governed by the size of the spaces between the sand particles. The rate of filtration depends on the average size of the sand particles, the thickness of the sand bed, the head of water, and the turbidity. Under ordinary conditions of operation in the United

States the rate of slow sand filtration of water previously subjected to sedimentation is 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 gallons per acre per day.

RAPID SAND FILTRATION.

The rapid sand filter is also known as the American filter, and until recently it was generally styled the "mechanical" filter, because of its contrivances for washing the sand. Its distinctive features are its use of a coagulant and its high rate of filtration. While the raw water is entering the sedimentation basin, which is smaller than that used with slow sand filters, it is treated with a definite proportion of some coagulant, which forms by its decomposition a gelatinous precipitate that unites and incloses the suspended material, including the bacteria, and absorbs the organic coloring matter. This combined action destroys color and makes suspended particles larger and therefore more readily removable. When aluminum sulphate, the coagulant most commonly used, is decomposed aluminum hydrate is precipitated and the sulphate radicle remains in solution, replacing an equivalent amount of the carbonate, bicarbonate, or hydrate radicle. One part per million of ordinary aluminum sulphate requires somewhat more than 0.6 part of alkalinity expressed as CaCO, to insure complete decomposition. The natural alkalinity of many waters is sufficient to effect this reaction. If the alkalinity is not sufficient part of the aluminum sulphate remains in solution and good coagulation does not take place. Therefore lime or soda ash is added if the alkalinity is too low. The proper amount of aluminum sulphate to be used is determined by the amounts of color, organic matter, and suspended matter, and by the fineness of the suspended matter, and it is best ascertained by direct experimentation with the water to be purified. Much of the trouble in operating the earlier types of rapid filters has been caused by failure to produce a good "floc" or precipitation because of improper ratios of coagulant and alkalinity.

Ferrous sulphate instead of aluminum sulphate is used as a coagulant in some filtration plants. With this substance lime must be added in order to bring about proper coagulation.

The water, after having been mixed with the coagulant, is allowed to stand three or four hours in the sedimentation basin, where a large proportion of the suspended particles is deposited. It is then passed rapidly through beds of sand or ground stone to remove the rest of the suspended matter. Many filters now in use are built in cylindrical form 10 to 20 feet in diameter, and some are so designed that filtration can be hastened by pressure. The sand, 30 to 50 inches deep and coarser than that used in slow sand filters, rests on a metallic

¹ Hazen, Allen, Report of the filtration commission of the city of Pittsburgh, p. 57, 1899.

floor containing perforations large enough to allow ready issue of the water, but small enough to prevent passage of sand grains. the filter has become clogged the flow of water is reversed, filtered water being forced upward through the sand to wash it and to remove the impurities, which pass over the top of the filter with the wasted water. A revolving rake with long prongs projecting downward into the sand mixes it during washing and prevents it from becoming graded into spots of coarse or fine particles. In recently constructed works rectangular filters 300 to 1,300 square feet in area have been built, in which the sand is agitated during washing by compressed air forced through it at intervals instead of by a revolving rake. Larger orifices in the strainers are also being used, the passage of sand being prevented by fine gravel over the strainer pipes. The rate of filtration is from 100,000,000 to 120,000,000 gallons per acre per day. The time between washing is 6 to 12 hours, depending principally on the turbidity of the applied water.

Mechanical filtration removes practically all suspended matter, reduces the color to unobjectionable proportions, and under some conditions removes part of the dissolved iron. The permanent hardness of the water is increased in proportion to the amount of sulphate added by the coagulant, and if only enough lime to decompose the coagulant is added, the total hardness is slightly increased. If larger amounts of lime are added, however, the total hardness is reduced. If soda ash is used in place of lime the foaming constituents are slightly increased. The chemicals are always added in solution. As this method of filtration is used almost entirely for river waters with fluctuating contents of suspended and dissolved matter proper operation requires constant and intelligent attention.

COLD-WATER SOFTENING.

The principal objects of water softening are to remove the substances that cause incrustations in boilers, particularly calcium and magnesium, and to neutralize those that cause corrosion. Solutions of chemicals of known strength are added to the raw supply in such proportion as to precipitate all the dissolved constituents that can be economically removed by such treatment. The water is then allowed to stand long enough to permit the precipitate to settle, after which the clear effluent is drawn off; or the partly clarified effluent may be filtered very rapidly through thin beds of coke, sponge, excelsior, bagging, or similar material in order to remove particles that have not subsided in the tanks. The water softeners on the market differ from one another chiefly in the precipitant, in the filtering medium if one is used, and in the mechanism regulating the incorporation of the chemicals with the water. Installations may be of any size to suit consumption, and the process can

be combined with rapid sand filtration for purifying municipal supplies. Among the substances that have been proposed as precipitants are sodium carbonate (soda ash), silicate, hydrate (caustic), fluoride, and phosphate; barium carbonate, oxide, and hydrate; and calcium oxide (quicklime). Lime and soda ash, however, are almost exclusively used on account of their excellent action and comparative cheapness.

When soda ash (Na₂CO₃) and lime dissolved in water to form a solution of calcium hydrate, Ca(OH), are added to a water in proper proportion free acids are neutralized, free carbon dioxide is removed, bicarbonate is decomposed, and iron, aluminum, and magnesium hydrates and calcium carbonate are precipitated. The precipitate in settling takes down with it a large proportion of the suspended matter. The treatment removes the incrusting constituents practically to the limit of their solubility, and also removes the calcium added as lime. Sodium, potassium, sulphate, and chloride are left in solution, and the alkalies are increased in proportion to the quantity of soda ash added; that is, the foaming constituents are increased, and the maximum proportion of these that is allowable in the treated water fixes the maximum proportion of incrustants that a raw water can contain and be satisfactorily treated. The proportion of incrustants left in a treated water is determined by the solubility of the precipitated substances and by the completeness of the reaction between the added chemicals and the dissolved matter. It has been brought below 90 parts per million in some well-treated waters. The sulphate radicle can be removed by using barium compounds, which precipitate barium sulphate, but the poisonous effect of even small amounts of barium and the relatively high cost of its salts are great objections to their use. The chlorides are not changed in amount by water softening. The chemicals should be very thoroughly mixed with the raw water and sufficient time should be allowed for complete reaction, which proceeds rather slowly, for otherwise precipitation will occur later in pipe lines or in boilers.

FEED-WATER HEATING.

Water heaters are designed primarily to utilize waste heat in stationary boiler plants by raising the temperature of the feed water and thereby lessening the work of the boilers themselves, but they also effect some purification, and many heaters have been specially designed with that end in view. The heat is derived from exhaust steam or from flue gases. Heaters utilizing steam either are open—that is, operated at atmospheric pressure—or are closed and operated at or near boiler pressure. In accordance with these different conditions, which result in distinct purifying effects, feed-water heaters

are classified as "open" or "closed" or "economizers," the last being those using flue gases. In most forms of open heaters, which are best adapted for removing large quantities of the materials that form soft scale, the steam enters at the bottom and the water at the top, and intimate contact between the two is obtained by spraying the water or by allowing it to trickle over or to splash against plates. By this process the water is quickly heated nearly to boiling; dissolved gases are expelled; bicarbonate is decomposed; and iron, aluminum, part of the magnesium, and calcium equivalent to the carbonate after decomposition of the bicarbonate are precipitated as hydrates, oxides, and carbonates under varying conditions of temperature, pressure, and time. The precipitate agglomerates the particles of suspended matter and makes them more readily removable by sedimentation and filtration. The slowness with which the reactions take place and the presence of acid radicles other than carbonate to hold the bases in solution prevent complete removal of calcium and magnesium. The addition of soda ash in proper proportion, however, effects fairly complete precipitation of the alkaline earths, and apparatus for constant introduction of this chemical in solution may be provided. Open heaters operated without a chemical precipitant remove constituents that are soft and bulky and leave those that form hard scale. Scale from water treated without chemicals in such heaters is therefore not so great in amount but is harder than that formed by the raw water. After the precipitate has been formed the water passes through filters of burlap, excelsior, straw, hay, wool, coke, or similar material, arranged in units that can readily be cleaned.

In closed heaters the water is passed through tubes surrounded by steam or around steam pipes, and manholes or other openings are provided for removing the scale from the tubes. As the water is heated under pressure some precipitation takes place, but closed heaters are not so efficient in this respect as open heaters, because they do not permit the escape of the gases liberated from the water. This objection does not hold if treatment in a closed heater follows treatment in an open one from which the gases escape. Several systems accomplish very good purification by using a unit of each type in series.

Economizers consist essentially of water tubes set in the flues leading from the furnaces. Facilities are provided for cleaning scale from the inside and soot from the outside of the tubes. As economizers are heated by flue gases, the water in the tubes can be heated under pressure to much higher temperature than in open or closed heaters, and conditions of ordinary boiler operation are approximated. The precipitation of incrustants varies greatly with the normally fluctuating temperature of the flue gases.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF THE SURFACE WATERS. RIVERS.

During a study of the quality of the surface waters of California conducted by the Geological Survey in cooperation with the California Department of Engineering in 1906–1908 samples of water collected daily for a period of one year at selected stations on several rivers in San Joaquin Valley were united in sets of 7 or 10 consecutive samples as deemed advisable, and analyses were then made of the composites thus obtained. As the complete analyses have already been published it is sufficient here to quote only the mean, maximum, and minimum conditions of chemical composition during the progress of the investigation. The analyses prior to March, 1906, were made by F. M. Eaton; for the remainder of that year they were made by P. L. McCreary; and during 1908 by Walton Van Winkle, who was assisted by W J McGee, William Reinhart, and W. C. Packard.

¹Van Winkle, Walton, and Eaton, F. M., The quality of the surface waters of California; U.S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 237, 1910.

Table 15.—Quality of the river waters of San Joaquin Valley.

designated.]
as otherwise
except a
r million
[Parts per

Incrust- Foam- Alkali ing con- ing con- coeffi- stitu- stitu- cienta a ents.a (inches).	167 184 42 30 82 82 73	178 208 37 16 95 95	110 62 33 24 56 35	36 22 36 22 54 30	20 25 20 25 48 32	95 40 40 47 255	147 291 46 32 78 60
Total hard- ness ed as ls. CaCO _{3-a}	169 169 178 187	416 186 52 29 205 90	126 91 30 23 75 46	138 88 44 32 83 48	134 71 40 17 74 43	116 95 40 37 65 39	270 123 56 36 127 62
Chlodisis Total disciple (Cl). solids.	92 358 8.8 60 30 161	41.0 5 47.0 50	19 3.9 7.3	16 4.9 5.6 8	7.1 4.9 6.6	9.4 3.9 5.6 6	14 27 4.4 5 9.1 12
Sul- phate radicle (SO ₄).	26.7	73 116 19 47	24 5.8 12	9.2 11.	17.7	11.3	71 9,4 21
Bicar- bonate I radicle ri (HCO ₃). (123 30 66	139 22 74	84 17 42	106 25 46	72 15 41	77 17 35	30 30 71
Carbo- nate radicle (CO ₃).	0.0	0.00	0.00	000	000	0.00	0.0.0
Sodium and po- tassium (Na+K).	68 111 27	77 6.1 36	23 9.0 13	15 8.2 11	13 9.3 12	15 13 9.3	108 12 22
Mag- nesium (Mg).	16 3.6 8.0	21 3.1 10	6.7 1.8 3.8	3.5 5.0	6.4 4.3	3.4.5	6.1 2.6 4.2
Cal- cium (Ca).	41 8.9 18	40 6.6 20	25 6.3 12	23 7.1 11	18 3.7 10	21 8.0 9.1	39 10 18
Iron (Fe).	0.10	.20	.18	.20	.10	.10	.15
Silica (SiO ₂).	19 10 16	25 12 19	25 11 14	9.6 8.8 14	11 6.0 11	24 15 14	22 12 18
Sus- pended matter.	264	193 15 52	504 28 84	642 16 140	284 12 68	260	1,836 14 163
Condition.	Maximum Minimum Mean	Maximum	(Maximum Minimum Mean	[Maximum Minimum Mean	Maximum Minimum Mean	Maximum Minimum Mean	Maximum Minimum Mean
Source.	San Joaquin River near Lathrop, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1906.	San Joaquin River near Lathrop, Dec. 31, 1907, to Dec. 31, 1908.	Mokelumne River at Clements, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1906.	Stanislaus Riverat Knights Ferry, Jan. 1 to July 31, 1906.	Tuolumne River at Lagrange, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1906.	Merced River at Merced Falls, Jan. 1 to July 31, 1906.	Kern River near Bakersfield, Jan. 1 to Dec. 12, 1906.

a Computed. Suspended matter has been disregarded in these computations in order that the results may be comparable with those calculated from analyses of ground waters.

The extremes of suspended and dissolved solids that are indicated in Table 15 did not necessarily occur at the same time, but the amounts of the various dissolved constituents correspond to the reported dissolved solids. The waters of Mokelumne, Stanislaus. Tuolumne, and Merced rivers, which were sampled at or near the entrance of the streams into the valley and before they have been used for irrigation, are low in all constituents, and they compare favorably with the waters of rivers along the Atlantic Coast, which are considered entirely acceptable in respect to their mineral constituents. The water of Hudson River at Hudson, N. Y., though less changeable in quality, is distinctly higher than any of these in dissolved matter, and the water of Lake Superior, carrying 60 parts per million of dissolved matter, is only slightly lower in mineral content. Though the California stream waters fluctuate considerably in their load of mineral matter, they are no more highly mineralized at their worst than the best of the ground waters. They would be classed as moderately soft by the most critical standards; they are low in dissolved scaling and foaming constituents, and therefore sedimentation to remove the varying amounts of suspended matter is all that is required to make them good boiler waters. The computed alkali coefficients indicate that the waters even at the lowest stages are excellent for use in irrigation, and this classification is amply corroborated by experience. Kern River, sampled at the mouth of the canvon 5 miles northeast of Bakersfield, is somewhat higher in mineral content than the other streams, but still it is moderate. Such increase in the southern end of the valley is natural in view of the low rainfall, which has been insufficient to remove from the ground the accumulation of soluble salts.

The analyses of water from San Joaquin River at the Southern Pacific Co.'s bridge near Lathrop, a few miles above Stockton (San Joaquin Bridge), show how evaporation, seepage from irrigated tracts, and surface and subsurface drainage from the entire valley increase the mineral content of the outflowing water and tend to differentiate it from the mountain tributaries. Yet, even though the river water is subject to these adverse influences, it is acceptable for irrigation and for boiler use. It varies greatly in quality from season to season, being lowest in dissolved matter during the spring freshets and highest during the fall when the river is at its lowest stages.

Table 16.—Mean discharge of certain tributaries of San Joaquin River compared with the mean mineral content of that stream during 1906 and 1908.

	1906	1908
Mean suspended matter in the water of San Joaquin River near Lathrop (parts per million). Mean dissolved matter in the water of San Joaquin River near Lathrop (parts per million). Mean discharge in second-feet per square mile: a Stanislaus River at Knights Ferry. Tuolumne River at Lagrange. Merced River at Merced Falls.		52 205 . 837 . 960 . 631

The difference between the average quality of the water of San Joaquin River during different years is not very great, as the data in Table 16 indicate. The mean discharge of the three principal tributaries was approximately four times as great in 1906 as in 1908, but the amount of dissolved matter at San Joaquin Bridge was less than 30 per cent greater during the dry year, and the decrease of suspended matter corresponding to the decrease in discharge is only 13 per cent. In general suspended matter varies directly and dissolved matter inversely with the discharge of streams, but these relations are neither absolute nor invariable, and study of analyses of several other river waters has demonstrated that the fluctuation of the average content of mineral matter is not so great from year to year as the fluctuation in discharge.

Table 17.—Comparison of the average condition of the water of San Joaquin River with the average condition of three tributaries in 1906.

		Parts per million.				ntage of an	hydrous re	esidue.
Constituents.	Stanis- laus River at Knights Ferry.	Tuolum- ne River at La- grange.	Merced River at Merced Falls.	San Joaquin River near Lathrop.	Stanis- laus River at Knights Ferry.	Tuolum- ne River at La- grange.	Merced River at Merced Falls.	San Joaquin River near Lathrop
Suspended matter Dissolved solids Fotal hardness a	140 83 48	68 74 43	52 65 39	60 161 78				
Silica (SiO ₂) ron (Fe) Calcium (Ca)	14 . 20	11 . 19 10	. 10 9. 1	16 . 23 18	17. 3 . 3 13. 6	14. 4 . 2 13. 1	20.0 .2 13.0	10. 11.
Magnesium (Mg) Bodium and potas-	5.0	4.3	3.8	8.0	6.2	5. 6	5. 4	5.
sium (Na+K) Carbonate radicle (CO ₃)	.0	.0	9.3	.0	13. 6 28. 5	15.8 26.3	13.3 24.3	17. 20.
Gicarbonate radicle (HCO ₃)	46 11 5, 6	41 12 6.6	35 11 5, 6	66 26 30	13. 6 6. 9	15. 8 8. 8	15. 8 = 8. 0	16. 18.

a Computed.

Comparison of the average condition of the San Joaquin for 1906 with the average condition of Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced rivers, the three tributaries entering above San Joaquin Bridge, brings out the essential differences in the waters (Table 17). Though nearly all constituents are greater in quantity in the San Joaquin the principal change in chemical composition is increase of the percentages of sodium, potassium, and chlorine at the expense of carbonate; in other words, chlorides of the alkalies are added to the solution. The moderate increase in mineral constituents is less than what might be expected in view of the high mineral content of the west-side ground waters and the semiarid condition of the valley.

TULARE LAKE.

The usually high mineral content of the water as well as the intermittent nature of Tulare Lake prevents its use for irrigation. the landlocked basin forms an immense evaporating pan in a semiarid region the dissolved salts that are brought in by tributary streams have been deposited in the lake bed after the water has evaporated, the salts being partly redissolved later or left under or mixed with protective layers of silt. That such successive concentrations, dilutions, and depositions have taken place for many centuries is shown by the known history of the lake and by the highly mineralized condition of the first few hundred feet of silt underlying its bed.

When the area of the lake has been greatest the proportion of substances in solution has been low enough to permit use of the water for irrigation, but its usual unfitness is established by analyses made by chemists at the agricultural experiment station of the University of California under the direction of E. W. Hilgard. of their tests, given in Table 18, can not be reduced to ionic form because of the methods of analysis and they are therefore given in the original hypothetical combinations, the only change being that the amounts have been converted from grains per gallon to parts per million.

Table 18.—Partial analyses of water from Tulare Lake.a

[Parts per million.]

	Total residue.	Residue insoluble in water.	Organic and vola- tile matter.	Sodium carbonate.	Sodium chloride, sodium sulphate, etc.
A B C	1,445 1,403 1,401	230 92 128	38 91 76	478 604 521	648 616 676
D	1,399 1,400 3,504 5,188 660 1,301	143 63 119 88 113	39 241 276 85 77	478 1,272 1,622 230 530	740 3,170 873 581
G	5,188 660	119 88	276 85	1,622 230	

Samples A to E inclusive were collected in 1880 while the lake was decreasing in size and its dissolved salts were being concentrated. The samples collected at reasonable distance from the shore indicate that the lake throughout carried practically the same amounts of

A. Near southeast corner of the lake inside of Root Island, 300 yards from shore.

B. Near middle of lake at surface.
C. Near middle of lake at depth of 10 feet.
D. Near middle of lake at depth of 20 feet. (The first four samples apparently were collected in the spring of 1880.)
E. Sample collected in June, 1880.
F. Sample collected in June, 1888.
G. Sample collected in February, 1889.
H. Near mouth of Kings River, March 28, 1880. Taken at surface when a strong wind brought in more river water than usual.

river water than usual.

I. Near outlet of West Side Canal at depth of 10 feet. (Probably taken at same time as sample H.)

a Compiled from Calfornia Univ. Agr. Exper. Sta., Rept. for 1890, appendix.

dissolved matter. The water at that time was too high in mineral content to be suitable for use. Samples F and G, taken in 1888 and 1889 while the lake was low, show much greater concentration of the soluble substances, the total residue having become more than tripled in 1889. The results of these tests prove the futility of any project involving use of the lake waters for irrigation. If the supply were suitable during uncertain periods when the lake is large the inevitable concentration accompanying evaporation would make the water dangerous during low stages. Dilution of such strong water by mixing it with a supply from Kings River would result in reducing one excellent water to poor condition.

Table 19.—Chemical composition of the water of Tulare Lake.a

Constituents.	Par	ts per mill	ion.	Percentage of anhydrous residue.		
Total solids Organic and volatile matter Silica (SiO ₂) Alumina (Al ₂ O ₃) Calcium (Ca) Magnesium (Mg) Sodium (Na) Potassium (K) Carbonate radicle (CO ₃) Bicarbonate radicle (HCO ₃) Sulphate radicle (SO ₄) Chlorme (Cl) Scale-forming ingredients (s). Foaming ingredients (f)	39 8 20 24 458 25 735 230 236	1,401 76 12 5 17 21 21 460 755 203 210 102 1,240	5,188 276 32 14 13 1,760 120 1,945 1,945 1,945 1,945 9,55	0. 59 1. 47 1. 76 33. 60 1. 83 26. 56 16. 87 17. 32	28. 62 15. 61 16. 16	26 35.83 2.44 19.52 20.76 20.26
Probability of corrosion (c)b	N.C. 2.2	N.C. 2.2	N.C.	100.00	100.00	100.00

a Analyses made in the chemical laboratory of the Agricultural Experiment Station, University of California.
b N. C.=noncorrosive.

Table 19, giving the chemical composition of the lake water in parts per million and in percentage of the anhydrous residue, shows

in more detail the nature and amounts of the dissolved substances. Analysis No. 1, corresponding to E in Table 18, gives the composition in January, 1880; No. 2 is apparently the same as C (Table 18), collected in the spring of 1880; and No. 3 shows the composition in February, 1889. The analyses, stated by Hilgard in hypothetical combinations, have been computed to ionic form and to parts per million by the writer. The water belongs to the sodium carbonate type, the proportion of alkaline earths being low. The percentage of calcium and magnesium decreased greatly between 1880 and 1889, a change compensated by a proportionate increase in alkalies. The

relative amount of carbonate decreased appreciably, while sulphate and chloride correspondingly increased. This indicates the deposition of alkaline-earth carbonates. The alkali coefficients are so low

that the water could not be considered suitable for irrigation. Though the amounts of scale-forming ingredients are low, and such waters would probably not corrode boilers, the contents of foaming constituents would render such supplies unfit for boiler service. Tulare Lake may be regarded as a catch basin whose water is valueless.

BUENA VISTA RESERVOIR.

Kern River has several delta channels spread fanlike in the valley west of Bakersfield, and some of these channels formerly conveyed the water of the river to a shallow depression comprising the basins of Kern and Buena Vista lakes and Buena Vista Swamp. In recent years, however, the original courses have been modified by levees and diversion canals until at present none of the flow reaches Kern Lake basin except intermittently through an irrigating ditch, and only the flow at high stages is directed toward Buena Vista reservoir. This body of water, occupying the former basin of Buena Vista Lake, in T. 31 S., R. 25 E., and T. 32 S., R. 25 E., is a storage reservoir for irrigation canals to the northwest. It is separated by a levee from the basin of Kern Lake, whose bed is now dry and under cultivation. The analysis of a sample from the east end of Buena Vista reservoir in the spring of 1896 is reported in Table 20.

Table 20.—Partial analysis of water from Buena Vista reservoir.1

[Parts per million.]		
Total residue.		503
Organic and volatile matter		100
Residue insoluble in water		111
Residue soluble in water		292
Soluble residue:		
Sodium sulphate		269
Sodium chloride		
Sodium carbonate		0
Insoluble residue:		
Silica		53
Carbonates of calcium and magnesium and calcium	sulphate	58

When the water is in the condition shown by these tests, or is more dilute, it is suitable for irrigation and for use in boilers. The water may be prevented from becoming too strong by continual replenishment from Kern River. Water from Kern Lake on March 24, 1880, before it dried up, contained more than 3,600 parts per million ² of mineral matter and was bad for irrigation.

¹ Analysis performed in the laboratory of the California Agricultural Experiment Station under direction of E. H. Loughridge. California Univ. Agr. Exper. Sta. Rept. for 1895–1897, p. 77. Converted into parts per million by the writer.

² California Univ. Agr. Exper. Sta. Rept. for 1890, appendix, p. 48.

DENUDATION AND DEPOSITION.

RATE OF DENUDATION IN THE SIERRA.

San Joaquin Valley has been filled by alluvium deposited by entering streams, but how much of the deposition took place in an arm of the ocean, how much in a fresh-water lake, and how much above water, and many other circumstances of the fluvial upbuilding are more or less conjectural. The rate at which material in the active basin of San Joaquin River—the portion east of the present river bed and north of Kings River—is now being moved has been calculated from the analyses quoted in Table 15 and gagings of the tributaries, and the results of these calculations are summarized in Table 21. During 1906 approximately 225 tons per square mile in the form of dissolved matter and 265 tons per square mile in the form of suspended matter were transported from the slopes of the Sierra Nevada into the valley.

Table 21.—Rate of denudation on part of the western slope of the Sierra Nevada in 1906.

	Area.a	Mean run- off.a	Mineral e wa	ontent of ter.	Denudation.		
D rainag e basin.			Average suspended matter.b	Average dissolved matter.b	Suspended matter.	Dissolved matter.	
Malalama Dimahan Char	$Sq.\ mi.$	Secft. per sq. mi.	Parts per million.	Parts per million.	Tons per sq. mi. per year.	Tons per sq. mi. per year.	
Mokelumne River above Clements	642 935	3. 04 3. 63	84 140	75 83	232 472	224 296	
Fuolumne River above Lagrange Mereed River above Mereed Falls	1,500 1,090	3. 33 2. 63	68 52	74 65	188	243 168	
Weighted mean		2.00			265	225	

a U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 213, 1907. b U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 237, 1910.

The figures of denudation in tons of dissolved matter per square mile per year in Table 21 have been computed by multiplying together the mean run-off, the average dissolved matter, and the factor 0.985. Denudation as suspended matter can not be so well approximated by similar computation with averages because the amount of suspended matter carried during a heavy flood may be greater than that during all the rest of the year. Therefore, denudation as suspended matter has been computed for each 10-day period represented by the samples, and the sum of these estimates has been divided by the area of the basin to obtain the denudation in tons per square mile per year in the form of suspended matter. Thus the removal of material from 4,167 square miles of the Sierra has been estimated. If it is assumed that the denudation on the first three basins is typical of the north-

ern two-thirds of the mountain slope and that that on Merced River basin is typical of the southern third, the weighted means for the 7,500 square miles of the Sierra tributary to San Joaquin Valley north of Kings River may be obtained. These two figures represent an annual movement of 1,700,000 tons of dissolved matter and 2,000,000 tons of suspended matter into the valley. This is equivalent to a denudation of 26 ten-thousandths of an inch annually, or 1 inch in 385 years, a high rate of denudation.

These estimates do not take into account the dissolved matter that is carried into the valley by the ground waters, but as the present problem is essentially one of silt movement this chemically dissolved matter can be neglected. No allowance has been made for the "bottom load," or material rolled along the beds of the streams, because the meager information in reference to this manner of transportation tends to show that the bottom load moved past a given point in a river that is not overloaded is a very small percentage of the total load. The sectional area of the heavy load near the bottom is only a small part of the total cross section through which suspended matter is transported, and the bottom load necessarily moves more slowly than the lower filaments of water, which in turn move more slowly than any other waters in the cross section. Therefore, though bottom material may be obvious because of the size of its particles, it probably constitutes only a small fraction by weight of the total material that is moved.

How long a period may be represented by estimates based on one year's studies is uncertain. According to the figures representing the mean discharge of several streams in the valley, the run-off during 1906 was considerably higher than normal, and the estimates of transported silt may, therefore, be considered greater than the normal for the present century.

RATE OF DEPOSITION IN THE VALLEY.

As no measurements of the discharge of San Joaquin River near Lathrop were made during the period in which samples were collected, 1.00 second-foot per square mile has been taken as a reasonable estimate of the average run-off throughout the 16,500 square miles of the basin north of Tulare Lake. This figure and the averages of analyses at Lathrop for 1906 (Table 17) give the annual removal of material by San Joaquin River as 2,600,000 tons of dissolved and 1,000,000 tons of suspended matter. That is, about 1,000,000 tons more of suspended matter and 900,000 tons less of dissolved matter are brought into the valley annually by the active east-side tributaries of the San Joaquin than are carried to the bay. The excess

¹ Clapp, W. B., The surface water supply of California: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 213, 1907.

of dissolved matter undoubtedly is contributed by underflow. Though no perennial streams enter San Joaquin River from the west side above the sampling station at San Joaquin Bridge, some suspended and dissolved matter undoubtedly reaches the main stream over the surface during the rainy season. On the other hand, some of the suspended material brought into the valley by mountain streams is later disintegrated and dissolved and passes out in solution. These features slightly modify the estimates, some increasing and others decreasing the computed differences between outgoing and incoming material; due allowance for their influence, however, seems to be made by assuming that the difference between the amounts of outgoing and incoming silt represents the present annual accretion. This quantity, 1,000,000 tons, distributed evenly over the 3,500 square miles of plains region between San Joaquin River and the Sierra would represent an annual deposition of 285 tons per square mile. If this material, thoroughly dried and compacted by pressure, is assumed to weigh 100 pounds per cubic foot, it would represent an annual upbuilding of 24 ten-thousandths of an inch, or 1 inch in about 420 years.

As wells in the valley have penetrated 2,000 to 2,500 feet of sediment, this annual accretion would indicate a period of not less than 6,000,000 years for the fluvial filling. It is, of course, absolutely a matter of speculation whether the present rate of deposition represents the average rate during the entire period in which the valley has been filled. Mr. Mendenhall states (p. 28) that "the wells drilled throughout the valley prove that the sediments underlying it are all fine," and this indicates that past rates of deposition could not have been much greater than the present rate, for if they had been the transported material would have been coarser and the particles of deeper sediments in the valley would now be larger than those of the upper sediments. But even under the extreme assumption that 4,000,000 tons, or twice the present amount, of silt had been brought annually into the valley and that none of it had been transported to the ocean, the time of filling would not be less than 1,500,000 years. This calculation, approximate and based on hypotheses though it may be, indicates that the time occupied by the valley filling involves geologic periods and not a few thousand years.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF THE GROUND WATERS. TYPES OF GROUND WATER.

The wells in San Joaquin Valley north of Tulare County yield three general types of water in relation to geographic position. The east-side and west-side types, named, as may be inferred, from their

¹ Dole, R. B., and Stabler, Herman, Denudation: In U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 234, p. 80, 1909.

position in the valley, are distinguishable from each other particularly by their difference in content of sulphate (SO₄), and the intermediate or axial type, occurring along the strip between the areas of typical east-side and west-side waters and blending into them, is distinguishable chiefly by its relatively high content of alkalies. As this geographic grouping greatly facilitates understanding of the general characteristics of the ground supplies and their usefulness discussion of it has been taken up in as much detail as the assays warrant. When the determinations of sulphate are plotted on a map, as in Plate II (in pocket), it is seen that nearly all the waters high in sulphate and no waters low in sulphate were found on the west side; and that very few waters on the east side north of Kern County contain more than 10 parts per million of sulphate. Waters high in sulphate are scattered over the east side of Kern County, but not enough tests were made to warrant definite conclusions regarding their distribution, and the following statements therefore relate particularly to conditions in the area north of that county.

CONDITIONS NORTH OF KINGS RIVER.

OCCURRENCE OF SULPHATE AND NONSULPHATE WATERS.

Water from wells less than 1,200 feet deep contains 80 to 2,000 parts per million of sulphate in the area west of the limit indicated by A'A' in Plate II (in pocket). The quantity of the radicle is usually less in the northern part than in the broad plains south of Newman, where arid conditions of water supply are more nearly approached. A decrease from west to east in the quantity of sulphate is noticeable in most of the western area, but there are many exceptions to this relation, and it is not nearly so striking as the abrupt change that occurs between the limits indicated by lines A'A' and C'C' (Pl. II). Wells more than 200 feet deep east of the limit indicated by C'C' yield water containing not more than 10 to 20 parts per million of sulphate and usually not more than 5 parts. Wells 200 to 1,000 feet deep were tested all over the eastern part of the valley; a well 2,500 feet deep at Stockton, one 1,800 feet deep at Corcoran, one 1,400 feet deep near Pixley, and a 1,300-foot well near Madera also were tested and none yields water carrying more than 10 parts of sulphate. It may be concluded, therefore, that this is a general condition applying to the entire eastern area north of Kern County. The water of wells less than 200 feet deep in the same territory north of Kings River contains practically no sulphate, but south of that river in Kings and Tulare counties high sulphate occurs in the water of shallow wells for a few miles east of the axis, and then abruptly disappear to recur in the water of only a few scattered wells between there and the foothills of the Sierra. The four waters that were found to contain much sulphate far east of the axis in Tulare County are from wells in areas that have not been irrigated, and the ground around them shows accumulations of white alkali. The wells probably penetrate interdelta areas where alkali salts have been deposited by evaporation, and their waters might be improved by the leaching effect of irrigation accompanied by drainage. East of the boundary indicated by line B'B' (Pl. II) sulphate does not occur in appreciable amount in the water of wells less than 200 feet deep except in the few scattered areas of Tulare County.

The boundary indicated by A'A' parallels San Joaquin River and Kings River Slough, lying one-half to 6 miles west of them from San Joaquin Bridge to Tulare Lake. The boundary indicated by C'C' runs in the same general direction, passing just west of Stockton, Modesto, Livingston, Lemoore, and Angiola. Boundary B'B' lies between A'A' and C'C' from Stockton to Lemoore, where it crosses C'C', diverging gradually from it and ultimately curving in a broad sweep eastward to the foothills. These boundaries do not show the exact limits of the areas of sulphate-bearing waters within 2 or 3 miles east or west, but in view of the large number of tests it is fairly certain that wells 1,200 feet or less in depth west of boundary A'A' yield sulphate waters and that wells less than 1,200 feet and probably those 2,000 or more feet deep east of boundary C'C' yield nonsulphate waters. Between these two boundaries, which separate the areas of typical east-side and west-side waters, lies a strip 3 to 15 miles wide in the axis of the valley, where the change in sulphate content occurs. North of Kings River the change in the water from wells of the same depth along parallels is abrupt, and the farther the wells are from the west side of this strip in the axis the deeper they can be bored without striking sulphate water.

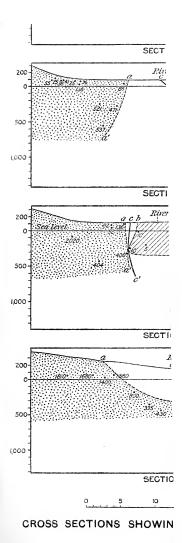
CAUSE OF THE DIFFERENCE IN COMPOSITION OF WATER.

This essential difference in the chemical composition of the ground waters is traceable to the structure of the plain. Geologically San Joaquin Valley is a deep trough that has been filled to its present level by material washed down from the slopes of the mountains bounding it, and the chemical characteristics of the filling material are essentially those of the rocks from which the material has been derived. The rocks of the Sierra are principally granites and metamorphic igneous slates and schists. These hard, difficultly soluble rocks and the sedimentary rocks derived from them that lie along the eastern foothills as far south as Madera County and also in Kern County have supplied to the valley material that is in turn capable of yielding little mineral matter to water percolating through it; consequently the areas of east-side débris furnish ground waters

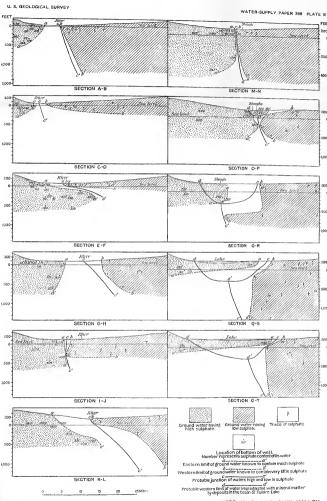
notably low in all mineral constituents. On the other hand, the rocks of the Coast Range, consisting largely of Cretaceous shales and sandstones and the calcareous gypsiferous shales, sandstones, and clays derived from them are much more soluble, and the filling material of the west side of the valley is therefore distinctly different from that of the east side. The water that passes through the west-side alluvium becomes highly impregnated with mineral matter and constitutes a distinct type of supply whose essential characteristic is the presence of large quantities of sulphate and correspondingly large quantities of bases.

CONTACT ZONE OF SULPHATE AND NONSULPHATE WATERS.

In order to trace more closely the boundaries of these characteristic types of water cross sections have been plotted along the east and west lines indicated in Plate II (see cross sections AB to MN, inclusive, Pl. III). The numbers on the cross sections represent the amounts of sulphate found in the ground waters. The position of the dot near each number in reference to the surface profile corresponds to the depth of the well, and its position in reference to the vertical axis corresponds to the distance of the well from the west side of the valley, all the cross sections originating at the foothills of the Coast Range. Dotted lines aa' indicate the known eastern boundaries of zones of sulphate water and dotted lines bb' the known western boundaries of zones of water very low in sulphate. width of the uncertain strip between aa' and bb' obviously differs in the several sections according to the available information regarding quality. Solid lines cc' indicate in each section the probable junction between the zones of sulphate and nonsulphate water, and the degree of uncertainty of its location is clearly indicated by its relation to the other lines. The upper end of boundary cc' is located on the west side of the present beds of the axial watercourses in all the sections except IJ and MN, though the uncertain strip is 2 to 10 miles wide at the surface except in section MN. This apparently empirical location of the boundary is explainable by the fact that local information indicates the sulphate or nonsulphate character of the water near the surface in many places where tests could not be made. analyses of water along the location of section AB are available on the west side nearer the river than Banta, but the poor quality of two waters less than 2 miles west of the river was evident from their taste. In section CD, aa' is very near the location of the river, and east of Newman and Los Banos and at Mendota (sections EF, GH, and KL) shallow borings, when they contain water, are currently reported to yield highly mineralized supplies. Therefore it is probable that cc' should have about the surface location indicated. The abrupt change in character of the waters is not absolutely demonstrated for







CROSS SECTIONS SHOWING SULPHATE CONTENT OF GROUND WATERS IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY.



the entire distance from San Joaquin Bridge to Kings River, but that the transition is effected very quickly in some regions is shown by the data in sections IJ and MN, in which the sulphate content of the ground waters drops from 100 to 500 parts per million down to practically nothing within 2 or 3 miles.

In all the sections cc' dips eastward; that position is clearly established in sections EF, KL, and MN, and comparison of data for wells near the other sections but not included in them shows the probability of a generally similar dip everywhere between San Joaquin Bridge and Kings River. The dip of cc' explains why some shallow wells near the axis yield better water than deep ones. For example, wells of any depth less than 600 feet in Newman (see section EF, Pl. III) yield water high in sulphate; in Stevinson Colony, a few miles farther east, however, water from wells less than 80 feet deep contains almost no sulphate, but water from wells exceeding 250 feet in depth is as high in sulphate as that in Newman, and a well in Livingston or east of that city could probably be drilled to any depth without striking sulphate water.

RELATION BETWEEN THE CHARACTER OF THE WATERS AND THE ORIGIN OF THE SILTS.

What relation the boundary between these types of water bears to the junction of the east and west encroachments of silt deposited during the filling of the valley is a geologic problem that need not be extensively considered. It is significant that the present bed of the river, the lowest part of the land surface, coincides so nearly with the surface boundary between the types of ground water. As silts that are now transported to the axis from both sides of the valley are sharply divided from each other by being diverted to a northerly course at the river ground waters moving toward the axis—at least those near the surface—would be differentiated in chemical composition because the sediments through which they are passing are derived from rocks of different character. Such waters can not mingle to any great extent both because of their being balanced by hydrostatic pressure and because of their diversion underground to follow the northerly course of the river. Consequently it is reasonable to conclude that the bed of the river always has been the junction line of the two apposed influxes of débris and that the line of demarcation between the types of water represents successive positions of the river channel during the upbuilding of the valley. Such supposition readily explains the comparatively sharp change in the character of the waters, a condition that would not exist if the east-side waters had pushed westward into the west-side sediments or if the west-side waters had entered the east-side sediments. The westward migration of the bed of the

stream is caused by the greater proportion of silt contributed by the east-side streams because of their greater discharge and the more rapid upheaval of the Sierra.

The only well on the west side found to contain very little sulphate is 2,250 feet deep and in sec. 14, T. 18 S., R. 18 E., midway between the locations of cross sections MN and OP and about 3 miles west of Kings River Slough. This apparent lack of sulphate in the waters of the deep sediments on the west side indicates the presence of sediments like those of the east side below the typical material of the west side, but as no other well approaching this one in depth could be found, this single test does not furnish sufficient evidence for definite conclusions.

CONDITIONS AROUND TULARE LAKE.

CONTACT ZONE OF SULPHATE AND NONSULPHATE WATERS.

The relations between the east-side and west-side types of ground water change materially near the outlet of Kings River. Shallow wells bordering the north and east shores of Tulare Lake yield water high in sulphate and other constituents, but deep wells in the same area yield water exceptionally low in all constituents, including sulphate. The reason for this apparently confused condition can be made clear by consideration of the cross sections depicted in Plate III and figure 3. The section indicated by OP (Pl. III) starts at the foot of the hills west of Huron, crosses Kings River Slough southwest of Lemoore, and passes through Hanford. The sections indicated by QR, QS, and QT have their origin at a common point in T. 21 S., R. 18 E., and radiate across the basin of Tulare Lake, passing, respectively, south of Stratford, through Tulare, and north of Angiola. Lines aa', bb', and cc' represent, respectively, the known eastern boundary of sulphate water, the known western boundary of nonsulphate water, and the probable contact between those two types of water.

The relations between aa', bb', and cc' in sections OP-QT indicate that the overlapping of the zone of sulphate-bearing waters is due to saline material that has been deposited in the lake bed during successive evaporations of the lake water. Kern, Kaweah, and other rivers now regularly or intermittently tributary to Tulare Lake formerly discharged their waters north toward San Joaquin River, but the outpushing delta of Kings River, gradually cutting off the higher end of the valley, formed the basin of Tulare Lake and altered the river courses. Shallow Tulare Lake, which fluctuates greatly in area, has been completely dry within recent years, and undoubtedly similar periods of low water and dryness have been often included in the history of the lake since its formation. After the water has

been removed by evaporation the mineral substances thus left behind have strongly impregnated the bed with salts, which later influxes of silt have partly covered and protected from resolution. Thus as the valley has been built up the lake basin has been filled with alter-

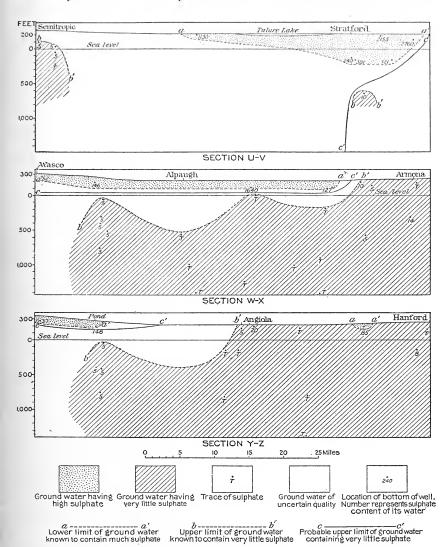


FIGURE 2.—Longitudinal sections showing sulphate content of ground water in the vicinity of Tulare Lake.

nating or mixed layers of silt and saline deposits that now yield highly mineralized waters to wells entering them. Wells that pass completely through the old lake beds on the east side reach sediments capable of furnishing excellent supplies because they are unmixed with the saline deposits. Therefore aa' in sections OP-QT marks

not only the known east boundary of the zone of sulphate water, but also the known boundary of the zone of saline impregnation, while cc' shows the probable boundary between the east-side and west-side types of water for part of its length and the boundary between the east-side and the superimposed "lake residue" waters for the remainder. The correct position of dd', indicating the probable western boundary of the lake deposits, is highly uncertain, but the eastern boundary of the zone affected by the lake residues is fairly well fixed by the results of tests of water from shallow wells. It runs southeast from Lemoore (see B'B', Pl. II) to Corcoran, thence to Angiola, beyond which its location is not well defined. One well 40 feet deep east of B'B' in sec. 1, T. 19 S., R. 21 E., yields water containing 65 parts per million of sulphate, but this doubtless enters a small isolated tract of alkali.

The distribution of sulphate in the waters under the basin of the take is portrayed also by longitudinal sections UV to YZ in figure 2, the locations of which are indicated in Plate II. The known boundaries of zones of sulphate and nonsulphate waters are indicated by aa' and bb' as in Plate III except that in the longitudinal sections the boundaries mark north and south instead of east and west limits. The "uncertain area" in the section across the east side of the present lake from Semitropic to Stratford (section UV) is necessarily extensive because so few ground waters were available for examination. In the same section cc' indicates the probable contact of sulphate and nonsulphate waters at the north end of the lake, but no similar boundary can be located at the south end, for the only water that could be tested between the lake and Semitropic was taken from a 20-foot dug well and contained 1,130 parts per million of sulphate. More abundant data in section WX, 8 miles east of and parallel to UV, permit location of the contact (cc') with fair degree of probability at an average depth of 170 feet. In the section represented by YZ, 3 miles east of and parallel to WX, the influence of the lacustrine deposits does not appear. The sulphate water in one well near Hanford probably comes from a small spot of alkali. The shallow wells in the southern part of this section are affected by the sediments of different character in Kern County.

TOTAL MINERAL CONTENT OF WATERS.

Additional evidence that the highly mineralized condition of the aquifers under the lake is caused by saline residues is afforded by the results of other tests besides those for sulphate. All excessive amounts of chloride and bicarbonate in ground waters near the lake were found either west of or almost exactly in the position indicated by bb' (Pl. III), a fact indicating that bb' represents the eastern limit of the zone of highly mineralized waters and also indicating concen-

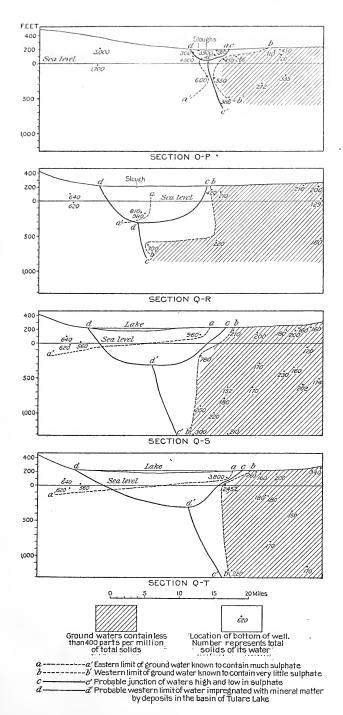


FIGURE 3.—Cross sections showing mineral content of ground water in the vicinity of Tulare Lake.

tration and deposition from highly saline solutions as the causes of the impregnation of the shallow waters with mineral matter.

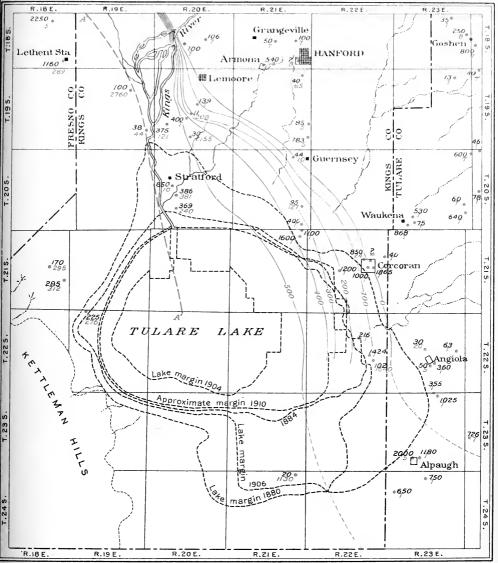
The relation of the total mineral content of the waters to the probable boundaries of the old lake basin is graphically summarized in figure 3. The boundaries aa', bb', cc', and dd' in these four sections are those shown in Plate III, but the figures give the calculated total mineral content of the waters. All waters from the alluvium above the boundary indicated by dd'c are high in mineral content and waters from wells west of the lake are, of course, also high for the west side is normally a region of high mineral content. The bottoms of five wells yielding water containing more than 400 parts of total solids are in the boundary indicated by bb' (fig. 3), but no well whose water exceeded that amount was found in the eastern part of the area.

THICKNESS OF THE LACUSTRINE DEPOSITS.

The maximum thickness of the lacustrine deposits is not entirely established because of the limited range of depth of wells that could be tested and because of uncertainty whether the high mineral content of wells near the middle of the basin is due to mineralization by typical west-side alluvium or by lake deposits. Along boundary B'B' (Pl. II) the thickness is not more than 8 or 10 feet. Southwest of Lemoore the water of a well 375 feet deep (section OP, Pl. III) contains 121 parts of sulphate, and the water of a well 386 feet deep near Stratford (section QR, Pl. III) contains 381 parts of sulphate, but that of an 850-foot well as near the slough and 3 miles farther north yields water containing only 10 parts per million of sulphate. The water of a 95-foot well (section QS, Pl. III) in sec. 25, T. 20 S., R. 21 E., contains 127 parts of sulphate, and that of a 400-foot well near by practically none; the water of a 102-foot well in sec. 23, T. 22 S., R. 22 E. (section QT, Pl. III), contains 1,640 parts, and that of a 216-foot well in the next section practically none. It may be concluded that the maximum thickness of the lacustrine deposits is certainly not less than 100 feet nor greater than 850 feet and probably about 400 feet and that the thickness is much less near the edges of the basin. Boundaries cc' and dd' have been located in sections OP to QT inclusive (Pl. III) in accordance with these conclusions.

PROPER DEPTH OF WELLS NEAR TULARE LAKE.

Plate IV shows the depths to which wells near Tulare Lake should be sunk in order to strike water of good quality. The purple contour lines, indicating the depth in feet below which waters containing sulphate or excessive amounts of other mineral constituents will probably not be encountered, have been located in accordance



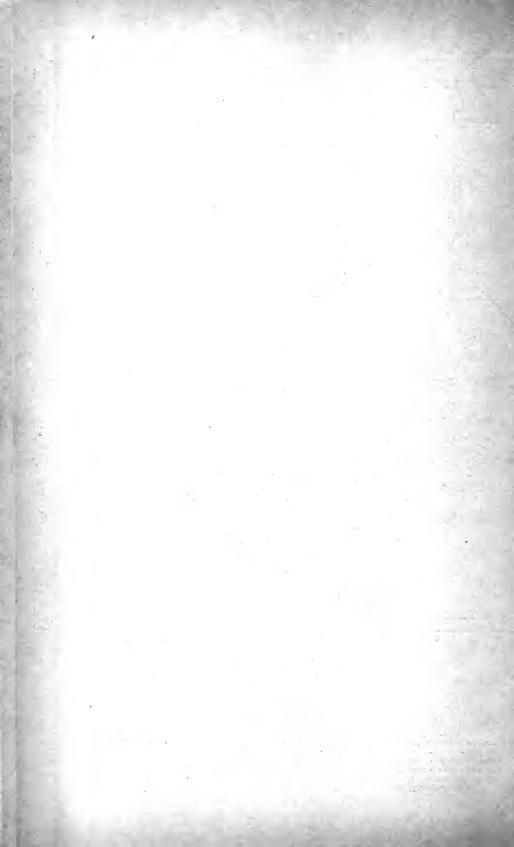
MAP OF TULARE LAKE AND VICINITY, CALIFORNIA

Showing depth to which sulphate water may be obtained and location of wells from which water was tested



Location of well from which water was tested. Black number indicates depth in feet; purple number indicates sulphate content of water in parts per million. \mathcal{T} signifies trace of sulphate

Line west of which ground waters contain large amounts of sulphate (Reproduced from Plate II) Contours indicating depth in feet below which sulphate waters will probably not be encountered (Wells should be bored 50 to 100 feet deeper to assure good water)



with the data in sections OP to YZ, inclusive of Plate III and figures 2 and 3. Dependence has necessarily been placed in the reported depths of wells. Boundary $\Lambda'\Lambda'$ corresponds to boundary $\Lambda'\Lambda'$ indicated in Plate II.

For safety wells should be sunk 50 to 100 feet deeper than the depths indicated by the contours, and as practically all the water in the upper strata is highly impregnated with mineral matter the casings should be tight down to the good water. Though it is not known how far west of the location of the 500-foot contour wells can be drilled without encountering sulphate water, line A'A' represents the extreme western limit of nonsulphate water at all depths, and the safe limit even for deep wells is probably not beyond the middle of the lake, the shore of which in 1910 is shown by a dotted line located from personal observation and local report without instrumental data. Within the area near Tulare Lake designated as yielding nonsulphate water spots may be found where supplies of poor quality may be afforded by deep wells, but such spots will be small. Information regarding the quality of ground waters immediately south of Alpaugh is scanty.

CONDITIONS SOUTH OF TULARE LAKE.

Data on the quality of ground water in Kern County are restricted to so few areas that conclusions can be formed only in respect to local characteristics, the analyses being discussed in more detail on pages 292-294. The water of wells 200 to 1,000 feet deep at Pond, Semitropic, Buttonwillow, and Oil Center contains little sulphate, but the deep water in the basin of Kern Lake contains some, and nearly all ground water southeast of Bakersfield to a depth of at least 300 feet seems to contain much sulphate. A well 686 feet deep 6 miles west of Buttonwillow, whose water carries 49 parts per million of sulphate, may mark the eastern boundary of the west-side type of water. Contrary to conditions farther north, many shallow waters in the east part of the valley in Kern County are rather high in sulphate and other substances. This high mineral content may be due to the influence of the Pliocene and Miocene sediments at the base of the Sierra, which in Kern County are different in texture and composition from those north of Madera

Cretaceous rocks are plentiful and the ground waters are notoriously bad in the foothills south of the basin of Kern Lake. Therefore, the high sulphate content of ground water in the adjacent portions of the valley is probably caused by the character of the silt washed down from the hills as well as by concentration similar to that which has occurred in the basin of Tulare Lake. The data

in section D'E' (fig. 4) indicates a gradual increase of mineral content of the ground water from north to south across the basin of Kern Lake, the bed of which is now dry and under cultivation. The deep waters under the lake bed contain measurable quantities of sulphate, but none is particularly high in dissolved solids, and all are greatly superior to the shallow waters around Tulare Lake. This more favorable condition is explained by the fact that the Kern basin has not been landlocked so long as that of Tulare Lake.

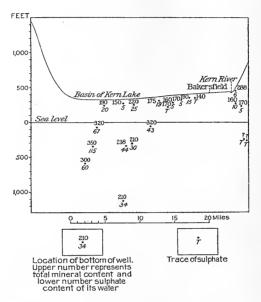


FIGURE 4.—Section D'E', showing content of sulphate and total mineral matter of ground waters in the basin of Kern Lake.

COMPOSITION AND QUALITY OF EAST-SIDE WATERS.

Ground waters distinctly of the east-side type occur east of the boundaries indicated by B'B' and C'C' in Plate II (in pocket), and the location and significance of these boundaries have been discussed (pp. 100–104). Wells less than 1,100 feet deep in the east side north of Kern County yield waters much alike in total mineral content and in composition. These waters are the best ground supplies in the valley, being usually acceptable for all purposes and belonging almost exclusively to the calcium carbonate class ¹ typical of humid and semihumid regions. On the east side near the axis sodium carbonate and some sodium chloride waters are found, but sulphate waters are found only in a few widely separated tracts in Tulare County. The averages in Table 22 show the characteristics of the east-side waters and their similarity to each other.

¹ For the explanation of this and similar terms defining the character of water see p. 80.

Table 22.—Average chemical composition and quality of water from wells 20 to 1,100 feet deep east of the boundaries indicated by B'B' and C'C' in Plate II.

[Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

	San Joa- guin	Stanis- laus	Coun-	Madera Coun-	Fresno Coun-	Tulare Coun-	Aver-	Limits of indi- vidual deter- minations.	
	Coun- ty.	Coun- ty.	ty.	ty.	ty.	ty.	age.	High- est.	Low- est.
Number of analyses	40	21	26	20	34	67	a 208		
Carbonate radicle (CO ₃)	0	• 0	0	0	0	Tr.	0	18	(
Bicarbonate radicle (HCO3)	160	160	140	125	135	140	140	344	3.
Sulphate radicle (804)	5	Tr.	Tr.	-4	4	8	4	202	Тг
Chlorine (Cl)	35	50	25	40	20	35	. 35	490	-
Sodium and potassium									
_(Na+K)	35	35	30	20	30	40	30	500	4
Total hardness as CaCO3	140	140	100	120	70	100	110	500	4
Total solids	280	310	210	220	210	240	240	1,500	50
Alkali coefficient (k) (inches).	50	60	60	60	70	40	60	400	4
Scale-forming constit-									
uents (s)	180	190	140	160	130	140	160	460	40
Foaming constituents (f)	100	90	80	60	80	110	90	1,000	(

a Total.

The averages, which have been computed from the results of the assays, are arranged in geographic order from north to south, and they are graphically represented in Plate V (p. 120). Tests were made for carbonate, bicarbonate, sulphate, chloride, and total hardness, and the other quantities are computed from the results of those tests. The mean of 208 analyses represents a water moderate in total solids, fairly hard, and without distinct taste due to mineral matter, and therefore unobjectionable from a chemical standpoint for domestic use; such water would be fair for boiler use, as it contains only a moderate amount of scale-forming matter and little foaming matter; and it would be entirely acceptable for irrigation. The averages by counties represent waters of the same type, for the differences in some of the constituents are not great enough to have particular signifi-The apparent tendency toward decrease southward in hardness and bicarbonate may be explained by the decrease in rainfall, which results in a decrease in the quantity of carbon dioxide supplied by decaying vegetation. The last two columns of Table 22 show that local fluctuations in quality are far greater than the differences in the county averages, and they indicate that there is considerable latitude for selection when supplies of lowest mineral content are necessary. The fluctuations are much greater in Tulare County than in any other part of the region. Altogether the waters of wells less than 1,100 feet deep are more nearly uniform in quality throughout the east side than in any other part of the valley.

Table 23.—Chemical composition of water from wells more than 1,100 feet deep east of the boundaries indicated by B'B' and C'C' in Plate II.

[Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

	San Joaquin	Madera	Fresno	Tulare
	County.	County.	County.	County.
Carbonate radicle (CO_3) Bicarbonate radicle (HCO_3) . Sulphate radicle (SO_4) . Chlorine (CI) . Sodium and potassium $(Na+K)^a$. Total hardness as $CaCO_3$ Total solids a . Depth of wells (feet).	110 5 2,900 1,300 1,650	0 137 Tr. 1,160 485 776 2,000 1,310	Tr. 417 Tr. 135 240 47 610 1,200	18 68 5 15 50 8 170 1,400

a Computed.

East-side wells more than 1,100 feet deep yield water entirely different in composition from that of shallower wells. Four wells, 1,200 to 2,500 feet deep, in San Joaquin County yield salt water unfit for use. (See Table 23.) The 1,310-foot well near Madera supplies salt water much lower in mineral content than that from the deep wells in San Joaquin County. The 1,200-foot well east of Wheatville, Fresno County, yields water much lower in chloride and all other constituents, but carbonate is so high that the water is poor for irrigation. The supply of the 1,400-foot well in T. 22 S., R. 24 E., represents conditions in Tulare County, where some of the best waters are struck at depths greater than 1,100 feet. This sodium carbonate water is low in mineral content and fairly acceptable for boiler supply and for irrigation. It is important to note that neither this well nor those as deep as 2,000 feet near Tulare Lake encounter salt water, as do wells of similar depth near Stockton.

COMPOSITION AND QUALITY OF WEST-SIDE WATERS.

GENERAL CHARACTER.

Typical west-side ground waters occur west of the boundary indicated by A'A' in Plate II (in pocket). They are not so uniform in mineral content as the waters of the east side, but they are much higher in mineral content, and they are characterized by high percentages of sulphate. Calcium sulphate or gypsum waters occur generally near the foothills of the Coast Range, and sodium sulphate waters near the axis of the valley. The west-side supplies as a class are so highly mineralized that they are very hard and are unsuitable for boiler use without purification. Nearly all of them have a distinct "alkali" taste and many are unpalatable. Fortunately, however, the sulphate nature of the dissolved matter makes it relatively less harmful to crops, and comparatively few supplies are absolutely unfit for irrigating lands.

QUALITY IN RELATION TO GEOGRAPHIC POSITION.

The quality of the west-side ground waters differs so much from place to place that no more definite description of the waters as a class can be given than that in the preceding paragraph. The region has, therefore, been roughly divided into districts, in which the supplies are more or less comparable with each other, for, unlike the waters of the east side, the waters of the west side are dependent in quality more on geographic position than on depth. The averages of analyses of water in each district, presented in Table 24, indicate approximately the character of the west-side supplies and the differences to which they are subject. The last column, giving the average quality of ground waters on the east side of the valley, has been added for comparison. The total mineral content of water in each district is graphically represented in Plate V (p. 120).

Table 24.—Average chemical composition and quality of ground waters west of the boundary indicated by A'A' in Plate II.

[Parts per milli	on except as	otherwise	designated.]
------------------	--------------	-----------	--------------

	San Joa- quin County near foothills.	San Joa- quin County between Tracy and San Joa- quin River.	Stanislaus County.	Merced County northwest of Los Banos.	Merced County southeast of Los Banos.
Number of analyses. Carbonate radicle (CO ₃). Bicarbonate radicle (HCO ₃). Sulphate radicle (SO ₄). Chlorine (Cl) Sodium and potassium (Na+K) a Total hardness as CaCO ₃ Total solids a Alkali coefficient (k) (inches) a. Scale-forming constituents (s) a. Foaming constituents (f) a.	5 Tr. 180 690 300 340 620 1,800 4 650 900	15 Tr. 190 200 75 50 280 640 30 310 230	21 Tr. 220 220 300 130 400 930 21 420 340	14 Tr. 240 70 60 50 250 510 40 300 150	9 Tr. 180 330 440 360 380 1,530 6 410
	Fresno County northwest of Mendota.	Fresno County near foot- hills south of Mendota.	Fresno County near slough south of Mendota.	Kings County.	Average quality of east-side waters.
Number of analyses. Carbonate radicle (CO ₃). Bicarbonate radicle (HCO ₃). Sulphate radicle (SO ₄). Chlorine (Cl). Sodium and potassium (Na+K) a. Total hardness as CaCO ₃ . Total solids a. Alkali coefficient (k) (inches) a. Scale-forming constituents (s) a. Foaming constituents (f) a.	7 Tr. 150 1,140 220 350 900 2,300 9 950 900	7 0 145 1,160 130 240 1,040 2,100 12 840 640	10 0 250 420 70 240 250 1,030 20 280 660	3 Tr. 70 290 50 110 170 610 25 240 310	208 0 140 4 35 30 110 240 60 160 90

a Computed.

The waters of five wells, 46 to 268 feet deep, in San Joaquin County between Tracy and the western foothills belong to the sodium sulphate class, and they carry 900 to 2,500 parts per million of min-

eral matter, 250 to 960 parts of which is sulphate. They are poor for irrigation and too high in scale-forming and foaming constituents to be fit for boiler use.

Alkalies predominate in some of the 15 waters from widely scattered wells 20 to 400 feet deep in the same county south and east of Tracy and west of San Joaquin River, but most of the waters belong to the calcium sulphate class. All would be considered poor for boilers because they would form large quantities of hard scale and would cause foaming. They are better than the waters near the foothills, however, and they are low enough in mineral matter to be suitable for irrigation. Depth bears no apparent relation to quality, except that in certain sections the shallow supplies are somewhat worse than the deep ones.

The part of Stanislaus County between San Joaquin River and the western foothills is narrower than the rest of the west side, and consequently the normal ground water there is affected by mixture with the more highly mineralized water that is slowly percolating northward from farther south in the valley. The 21 supplies that were tested in western Stanislaus County differ greatly from each other in composition, ranging from the calcium sulphate to the sodium chloride type. The artesian waters near San Joaquin River, like those in Stevinson colony across the river, are salty, rather poor for irrigation, and capable of foaming in boilers. Wells 20 to 200 feet deep throughout the region yield supplies containing chlorine in amounts ranging from 15 to 300 parts without apparent regularity. Most of the waters could be used for irrigation, but none is good for boiler use because of the high content of scale-forming and other ingredients.

Conditions in Merced County are similarly complex and irregular. West and north of and including Los Banos 14 wells, 23 to 580 feet deep, yield better water than wells southeast of that city. Sulphate is lower than in other parts of the west side and chloride likewise is moderate, but both radicles are always present in appreciable amount. The waters generally can be used for irrigation without causing trouble by their mineral content, but they need to be softened before being used in boilers. Waters from different depths show irregular local differences of quality.

The ground supplies southeast of Los Banos are poorer than those northwest of that city, and resemble those of northwestern Fresno County. They are strong sodium sulphate and sodium chloride waters that range from fair to very poor for irrigation. Their contents of foaming and scale-forming ingredients are so great that they are poor for boiler use, and some of them are industrially useless. A few shallow wells near irrigation ditches yield water better than the average.

The broad flat west side of Fresno County, at present occupied by sheep ranches and a few isolated farms, did not afford much opportunity for investigation, but the results of the tests that could be made make it apparent that this region yields the hardest and most strongly mineralized ground waters in the west side of San Joaquin Valley. Most of the wells near San Joaquin River and Kings River Slough yield sodium sulphate waters lower in mineral content than those farther west. Ten waters from wells thus situated and 20 to 1,100 feet deep contained 600 to 1,700 parts per million of total solids. All would be likely to foam in boilers and could be distinctly improved by being purified before use. Most of them could be applied in irrigation under proper conditions of drainage to prevent alkali accumulation.

The waters farther west in Fresno County are very high in sulphate and alkaline earths; that is, they are gypsum waters. Though this makes their content of incrustants so high that they are very bad for boiler use, it does not influence to so great extent their value for irrigation, and many of them could irrigate crops if proper precautions for drainage were taken. Few shallow wells on the plains yield water, wells usually being 100 to 700 feet deep, and it is improbable that any better water would be encountered by boring deeper. A well 2,250 feet deep yields sodium chloride water high in carbonate and very poor for irrigation or for boilers. The great quantity of gas in it makes it likewise unpalatable.

Three wells, 170 to 285 feet deep, west of Tulare Lake, in Kings County, were tested, one near the present shore of the lake and two about 5 miles from it. These waters contain considerably less dissolved constituents than the west-side waters of Fresno County, and they could be considered suitable for irrigation. They are high in sulphate, however, and the one farthest from the lake is a strong

gypsum water.

Field work in the region south of Tulare Lake was not carried far enough west to make it certain that the true character of the ground waters in that part was discovered. A 20-foot dug well in sec. 1 (?), T. 24 S., R. 21 E., yields strong water high in sulphate, because it comes from the mineralized silt in the basin of Tulare Lake. No wells between that section and Semitropic could be sampled, but wells at the latter place yield water low in sulphate. Deep waters at Buttonwillow are low in sulphate, but those from wells 40 to 100 feet deep are high in sulphate, yet do not have the very high mineral content that is characteristic of ground waters in western Fresno County. Future investigation north and south of Lost Hills will probably show that the west-side belt of waters high in sulphate extends southward into Kern County, and that it terminates at its eastern boundary as abruptly there as in the counties farther north.

DEPOSITION OF CALCIUM SULPHATE.

The figures in Table 24 (p. 113) indicate that in general the ground waters near the western foothills are calcium sulphate waters and that those farther east are sodium sulphate waters, the former containing much more mineral matter than the latter. This highly interesting alteration in the ground supplies that flow from the foothills of the Coast Range toward the axis of the valley evidently is the result of deposition of gypsum while the waters are passing through the ground. This phenomenon can be made clearer by means of the data in Table 25.

 ${\tt Table \ 25.--} \textit{The deposition of calcium sulphate from west-side waters.}$

(2 of to pot million.)				
Constituents.	Fresno souther		Fresno	County, n part.
·	Α.	В.	c.	D.
Bicarbonate radicle (HCO ₃). Sulphate radicle (SO ₄). Chlorine (Cl). Total hardness as CaSO ₄ . Alkalies (computed). Total solids (computed).	1,160 130 1,410 240	250 420 70 340 240 1,030	140 1,720 140 1,900 360 3,000	184 470 400 270 470 1,700

[Parts per million.]

Column A gives the average of analyses of water from 7 wells 80 to 400 feet deep near the foothills southwest of Mendota in Fresno County and column B a similar average for 10 wells 20 to 1,100 feet deep in a strip east of the 7 wells but west of Kings River Slough. These averages indicate that during the eastward passage of the water carbonate increases at the expense of the chloride and the alkalies remain unchanged. The decrease in total solids, 1,070 parts, is equivalent to the decrease in total hardness expressed as calcium sulphate; furthermore, the decrease in sulphate, 740 parts, is equivalent to 1,050 parts of calcium sulphate, or almost exactly the decrease in total solids. These striking relations make it evident that gypsum is being deposited from the ground waters; for if the change were one of simple dilution other constituents would be proportionately decreased, and if the alteration in character were caused by reaction between alkali salts in the silt and the calcium salts dissolved in the waters sulphate would not be decreased and the alkalies would be greatly increased. The figures in columns C and D afford a similar comparison of waters from wells in the northwestern part of Fresno County, column C giving the average of analyses of water from four wells 200 to 280 feet deep far out on the plains and column D giving the mean of analyses of water from two wells 437 and 532 feet deep near San Joaquin River. The decrease in sulphate, equivalent to 1,700 parts per million of calcium sulphate, is not completely equaled

by the change of 1,630 in total hardness as calcium sulphate and of 1,300 in total solids, but these alterations are all of such magnitude in comparison with other changes that they lead to the conclusion that calcium sulphate is being deposited. North of Fresno County ground waters near San Joaquin River are affected in mineral content by seepage from the south and consequently any similar deposition that may occur there is effectually concealed.

COMPOSITION AND QUALITY OF AXIAL WATERS.

IRREGULARITY OF COMPOSITION.

The region of ground waters of the axial type can not be bounded so definitely as those of waters of the east-side and west-side types. It is included within the artesian area and it covers the territory between the boundaries indicated by A'A' and C'C' in Plate II (in pocket) overlapping on both sides and gradually merging into the areas in which other types predominate. As the axis of the valley or the lowest part of its trough receives the drainage of the valley ground waters there contain the highest proportion of the most readily soluble substances, the alkalies. On the west side sodium and potassium are left predominant among the bases after calcium sulphate has been removed from the ground water. On the east side the moderately mineralized calcium carbonate waters are strengthened by solution of alkali salts from the silts through which they slowly seep on their way from the foothills to the axis, and they are undoubtedly altered by drainage from irrigated lands. Carbonate is predominant on the east and sulphate on the west side of the axial belt, and both radicles are overshadowed by chloride in several localities. In general, the higher sodium content of waters from wells in the axis makes them less desirable for irrigation than that from wells on either side of the valley, and the same characteristic makes them more likely to foam when they are used for steaming.

The most noticeable feature of the axial waters is their wide range of concentration and composition, which is indicated in Plate V by graphic representation of the mineral content of water from wells of various depths in many localities. Nearly all wells in the axis near Tulare Lake yield sodium carbonate water, the deep supplies being much lower in mineral content than the shallower ones. Along Kings River Slough the mineral content of the ground waters is increased by the strong waters entering from the west side, and this influence continues northward for some distance along San Joaquin River

CHLORIDE CONTENT OF ARTESIAN WATER.

Many deep wells along the axis north of Kings River yield brackish water, while wells away from the axis but just as deep and in the

same latitude do not; this indicates the existence of local saline deposits in the moderately deep silts and the downward percolation of water charged with the soluble constituents of the silts. Very deep wells invariably yield salt water, a condition that may be explained by the broadspread occlusion of saline waters within the deeper layers of silt. As this likelihood of striking distasteful salty water, harmful in irrigation and corrosive to boilers, is a discouraging feature about putting down deep wells into the abundant artesian flow near the river, Table 26 has been prepared giving certain data regarding artesian waters that were tested between Lemoore and San Joaquin Bridge.

Table 26.—Chloride content of water from artesian wells between San Joaquin Bridge and Lemoore.

					1	
Location,		Depth (Cl) (parts per		Quality for irrigation.	Quality for boiler use.	
Sec.	Т.	R.		million).		
Del Puerto Orestimba.			480	295	Fair	Very bad.
Do			350	250	do	Bad.
Do	6.0	0 T	285	430	Poor	Do.
26	6 S	9 E	301	450	do	Very bad.
31	7 S	10 E 10 E	600	1,060	Bad	Do.
6	7.5	10 E	330	320	Poor	Do.
25	7 S	10 E	250	2,080	Bad	Do.
17	78		330	1,980	do	Do.
13	98	9 E	402	150	Good	Bad.
20	8 S	11 E	+500	1,520	Bad	Very bad.
10	8 S	12 E	297	10	Fair	Fair.
16	8 S	13 E	707	30	do	Do.
27	88	14 E	325	10	Good	Do.
36	9 S	10 E	350	139	Fair	Bad.
36	9 S	10 E	660	372	Poor	Do.
14	10 S	11 E	372	445	do	Very bad.
Sanjon de Santa Rita.		10.75	320	35	G00d	Fair.
15	9 S	13 E	300	25	do	Do.
21	9 S	13 E	340	20	Fair	Do.
6	10 S	14 E	283	25	Good	Do.
30	9 S	15 E	350	25	do	_Do.
21	11 S	12 E	550	1,155	Bad	Very bad.
1	11 S	12 E	375	175	Fair	Poor.
33	11 S	13 E	437	685	Poor	Very bad.
35	9 S	14 E 14 E	240	20	Good	Fair.
11	10 S		400	30	do	Do.
22	13 S	14 E	532	115	Poor	Very bad.
6	13 S	15 E 16 E	520	1,680	Bad	Do.
34	11 S		+300	25	Good	Fair.
32		18 E 15 E	1,310 640	. 1,160	Fair	Very bad.
	13 S 14 S	16 E		245		Bad.
10	15 S	16 E	550	65	Good	Do.
	15 S	16 E	700	55	Fair.	Do.
19		17 E	700			Do.
25 9	15 S	17 E	750 800	155 265	Poor	Do.
				150	do	Do.
14	16 S	17 E	690 1,100	35	Good	Do.
8	17 S	18 E		125		Poor.
15	17 S	18 E	600 1,200	135	Poordo	Bad.
36	18 S	18 E	1,200	40	Fair	Do. Do.
36 28	18 S	18 E	700	20	Poor	Poor.
14	18 8	18 E	2,250	280	do	Bad.
17	10 0	10 E	2,200	200	uo	Dau.

Thirteen artesian waters along Kings River Slough and within 6 miles of that watercourse were tested. (See Table 26.) Among these the water from the 2,250-foot well in T. 18 S., R. 18 E., containing 280 parts of chlorine, is practically useless. The water of a 550-foot well at Jamesan and of an 800-foot well south of that station are rather

high in chlorine. The other ten waters, from wells 600 to 1,200 feet deep, are moderately low in chlorine and good to poor for irrigation, but undesirable for boiler use because of their high contents of foaming ingredients. Nearly all the artesian waters from wells less than 1,000 feet deep east of San Joaquin River and south of Dickersons Ferry are low in chlorine and are suitable for common use, but those west of the river in the same latitude are much poorer. Water from the 1,310-foot well in T. 11 S., R. 18 E., is high in chlorine and bad for general use. All deep waters around Newman and Stevinson Colony contain much chlorine. This condition extends south to Dickersons Ferry and north to Crows Landing, and probably no wells in that territory more than 300 feet deep will yield really satisfactory water. Water from shallow wells in Stevinson Colony is much better than that from deep wells.

No well more than 200 feet deep could be found between Crows Landing and Lathrop and therefore the quality of the deep axial waters in that area are unknown. The water of the 480-foot well at Crows Landing carries 295 parts per million of chlorine and is only fair for irrigation. The water of a 1,200-foot well near French Camp, just north of Lathrop, contains 1,735 parts of chlorine and is unfit for irrigation. Wells more than 1,200 feet deep at Stockton yield salt water while those 700 to 1,100 feet deep yield fresh water fair or poor for irrigation and shallower wells yield satisfactory fresh water.

The 1,310-foot well near Madera yields water containing 1,160 parts per million of chlorine. Therefore it may be concluded that any well more than 1,200 feet deep between Dickersons Ferry and Suisun Bay will yield salt water unsuitable for use. As the analyses show that the water of wells more than 400 feet deep near the axis between Dickersons Ferry and Crows Landing is salty and poor in quality, it is reasonable to conclude that wells 400 to 1,200 feet deep near the axis between Crows Landing and San Joaquin Bridge will also yield salty water. A similar conclusion regarding 500 to 1,000-foot wells 10 miles or more east of the river in Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties is, however, unjustifiable by the data at hand. It is possible that fresh water may be encountered between those depths as in eastern Merced and Madera counties, but no assertion to that effect can be made.

INCREASE OF MINERAL CONTENT FROM SOUTH TO NORTH.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

Structurally, San Joaquin Valley is a trough filled with silt from the surrounding mountains. The ground waters, following the gentle but definite slope, percolate toward the axis and then follow the axis northward. They dissolve and retain in solution the more readily soluble substances with which they come into contact, and some of them deposit part of their load of less soluble constituents. These conditions lead to belief that the ground water gradually increases in mineral content as it progresses northward, or, in other words, that analyses of water from wells of equal depth should indicate an increase of mineral content from south to north. It is the purpose of this section to show how far the results of the tests support that belief.

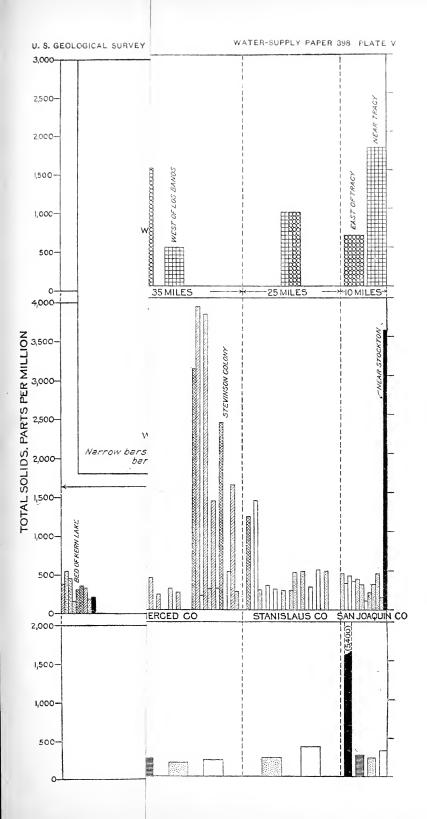
Plate V shows graphically the amount of mineral matter in ground waters in different parts of the valley. Averages of analyses grouped by depth of wells have been used for the east side in order that the changes from county to county might be more clearly shown, but the results of individual tests have been plotted in the axis because the total solids there are so divergent. The only feasible grouping of analyses on the west side is by location. The length of the blocks indicates the amount of total solids and the shading indicates the depth of the wells. For the purposes of this diagram it has been convenient to accept the boundaries indicated by A'A' and C'C' in Plate II (in pocket) as the limits of the respective areas.

The diagram as a whole shows simply and forcibly the relations between location, depth, and mineral content of the ground waters. The east-side waters, low in mineral content, are remarkably uniform in quality down to a certain depth. The west-side waters are much more highly mineralized and are differentiated from each other principally by their distance from the foothills. The axial waters, extremely variable in character, are influenced by east-side and west-side waters and by soluble constituents in local sediments. The relations represented diagrammatically in Plate V explain several apparently inconsistent conditions of quality.

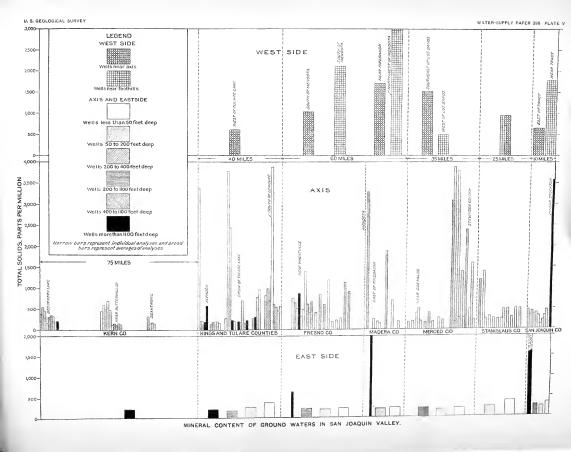
Briefly, the data establish that a progressive increase in the mineral content of the deep-seated underground drainage takes place, especially near the axis of the valley. No such relation exists in respect to the shallow waters, however, even near the median line of the trough, where the influence would be most clearly evident.

DEEP WATERS.

Analyses of water from wells more than 1,100 feet deep show a definite increase in mineral content from south to north proportionate to the increase in alkalies and chlorine; that is, the waters become more salty toward the outlet of the valley. Wells on the east side of Kern, Kings, and Tulare counties from 1,100 to 2,000 feet deep yield excellent water averaging about 200 parts per million of total solids. The water of the 1,200-foot well in sec. 2, T. 17 S., R. 18 E. is moderate in solids and in chlorine; the salty water of the 1,310-foot well in sec. 32, T. 11 S., R. 18 E. contains more than three times







as much mineral matter; and the waters that were tested from wells more than 1,100 feet deep in San Joaquin County average 5,200 parts per million in mineral content. These data indicate a decided northward increase beginning in Fresno County in the mineral content of the deep waters, a conclusion that is corroborated by the few available tests of deep ground waters in the axis. The 2,250-foot well in sec. 14, T. 18 S., R. 18 E., included among the axial waters, yields poor water, and the 1,200-foot well at French Camp furnishes a supply comparable with the deep waters at Stockton.

OCCLUSION OF SEA WATER.

Though it has been suggested that this increase of solids, representing increase of chloride and alkali, is evidence of the occlusion of sea water within the deep sediments, the composition of the waters makes this improbable. Sea water contains 33,000 to 37,000 parts per million of mineral matter in solution, while the water of a 1,786-foot well at Stockton contains 4,700 parts, that of a 2,500-foot well at Stockton 7,489 parts, and that of the 1,200-foot well at French Camp only 3,000 parts. Besides this striking difference in concentration the figures in table 27 prove that the composition of the mineral matter is also entirely different from that of sea water. The analysis of water from the 2,500-foot gas well at Stockton has been selected for comparison because it is the strongest water and because as much as possible of the upper fresh waters has been excluded. Even if the deep water had been diluted through a leaky casing the composition of it could not have been so radically changed from that of sea water.

Table 27.—Comparison of the composition of water from a 2,500-foot well at Stockton with that of sea water.

[Percentage of anhydrous residue.]

Salinity (parts per million).....

7,489

33,010 to 37,370

These waters are similar only in that they are both strong solutions of sodium chloride. The ratio (1 to 3.3) between the amounts of calcium and magnesium in the well water is that of ordinary ground water and is the reverse of that in sea water (3.1 to 1). This fundamental difference and the undoubted absence of any appreciable

a Silica not determined. Estimated for purposes of computation as 50 parts. Analysis by F. M. Eaton, Sept. 19, 1910.

b Average of analyses by Dittmar; quoted by Clarke, F. W., The data of geochemistry: U. S. Geol. Survey Bull. 616, p. 123, 1916. Minor ingredients omitted.

quantity of sulphate in the well waters, whereas the residue of ocean water contains nearly 8 per cent of sulphate, makes it entirely improbable that the saline character of the deep-seated supplies is due to the retention of ocean water within the valley sediments. It is more reasonable to believe that the salt represents an accumulation derived from the silts through which the water has very slowly passed.

SHALLOW WATERS.

Waters from wells 400 to 1,100 feet deep in the axis of the valley increase from south to north in mineral content, but on the east side waters from wells of similar depth are slightly mineralized and are much alike in composition irrespective of their position. Shallower waters show great local diversity of composition in the east side and in the axis. No regular relation holds for supplies of this class, and their quality is predictable only from local tests.

On the west side local conditions determine the quality of ground waters, in which no regular increase of mineral content from south to north is apparent. The mineral content of waters on the west side is highest in Fresno County, and it decreases northward, rising somewhat near the foothills in San Joaquin County. The total solids of ground waters near the west shore of Tulare Lake are less than those of supplies in Fresno County, but it is unknown whether that condition prevails in the west side of Kern County.

RELATION OF DEPTH TO MINERAL CONTENT.

It is a fairly prevalent belief that the deeper a well goes the greater is the mineral content of its water. Yet a little thought establishes the unreasonableness of such general assumption, and a cursory review of analytical data is sufficient to prove the fallacy of it. mineral content of a ground water depends primarily on the kind of rock with which it comes into contact, and its chemical composition at any stage in its progress tells the main facts of its history. Pressure, temperature, and duration of contact, the physical structure of the rocks, and the nature of substances previously dissolved in the water influence the extent and the manner in which minerals are acted on by the solvent, but the effect of these conditions is subordinate to that of the chemical composition of the rocks themselves, which is the chief determining factor of the mineral content of ground water. It is therefore not at all rare to find deep waters better than shallow ones. Many wells 1,000 to 3,000 feet deep in sedimentary rocks penetrate strata yielding widely different kinds of water, but without any relation to depth except in so far as depth has reference to the character of the rocks that contain the supplies. Indeed, these facts are so nearly self-evident that it would be needless to state them if belief in a general relation between depth and quality were not so frequently expressed.

Differences in the quality of water from various depths can be detected in almost every locality in San Joaquin Valley, but they are not regular and can not be widely generalized. Nearly all the best waters on the east side are produced by wells 200 to 1,000 feet deep. They are generally good for irrigation, fair for boiler use, and entirely acceptable for domestic supply. On the east side it is not unusual to find the water from wells 10 to 30 feet deep much harder than that from deeper wells. Similar greater mineral content of shallow waters from glacial deposits derived from calcareous formations in the Central States has been noticed, and it is probably due to more rapid mechanical disintegration of the layers nearest the surface and to greater abundance of solvents like carbon dioxide in the upper waters.

Geographical location has more influence than depth on the mineral content of well waters on the west side a few miles from the river, for the differences of composition among the waters at various depths are not so great proportionately as on the east side.

The relations between depth and quality are more uncertain along the axis than in any other part of the valley. For example, wells 30 to 100 feet deep in Stevinson Colony yield fresh water of moderate mineral content, but wells more than 300 feet deep yield undesirable salt water. On the other hand, water from wells less than 100 feet deep near Tulare Lake is highly alkaline, and the best supplies are obtained from wells 800 to 2,000 feet deep.

QUALITY FOR IRRIGATION.

EAST-SIDE WATERS.

Almost no trouble from poor quality of ground waters for irrigation has been reported throughout the east side of the valley, and available analyses amply confirm the results of experience besides indicating more territory into which this application may be extended. Wells generally throughout the east side yield water that is good or fair for irrigation—the supplies may be used year after year with only moderate care to prevent alkali accumulation due to the mineral constituents of the waters. This statement should be supplemented by the warning that the soil in many sections already contains enough alkali to interfere with cultivation under ordinary conditions and that water of any quality, no matter how good, can not assist in producing full crops on such areas until the excess of sodium salts in the ground has been removed by drainage or by some other means. It is therefore important to note that statements regarding the quality of waters for irrigation refer only to the action of the mineral ingredients of the waters in reducing or increasing the

mineral content of the soil solution. On the other hand, notes of the actual effect of the waters on crops involve all growing conditions, such as the nature of the ground, the care given the crops, and other features; consequently a statement that crops have not flourished after having been irrigated by a certain water does not necessarily imply that the mineral constituents of the water did the damage.

The best waters for irrigation on the east side are furnished by wells 200 to 1,000 feet deep, though a large number of shallow wells also are utilized. Within the artesian area south of Kings River water from wells as deep as 1,600 to 2,000 feet is satisfactory and has been used on crops. North of Fresno water from wells more than 1,000 feet deep is poor, and near the northern end especially it is unfit for irrigation. Four waters that were tested from wells 1,200 to 2,500 feet deep in and around Stockton are bad because they are strongly saline. Tests of the deep wells at the waterworks, a 1,162foot well, and a 1,010-foot well near Stockton indicate that sodium replaces calcium as the predominant base at a depth of about 900 feet and consequently that the ground waters become progressively poorer from that depth down to about 1,200 feet where the salty supplies are struck. So few deep wells could be tested south of San Joaquin County that it is uncertain how far southward this condition extends, but it seems reasonable to assume that it is general over the east side between Stockton and Fresno.

WEST-SIDE WATERS.

Wells are being pumped for irrigation at several places on the west side of the valley, and continued settlement of that region will undoubtedly result in greatly increased use. The ground waters of the west side, being much more highly mineralized than those of the east side, are poorer for irrigation. Few of those that were tested, however, are so bad that they are absolutely unfit for use, a fact all the more important because the absence of perennial streams and other surface supplies capable of being stored on the mountain slopes makes the adoption of ground supplies a necessary feature of utilizing the lands. Though the mineral content of the waters is high, the principal ingredients away from the axis are calcium, magnesium, and sulphate, the toxic alkalies being relatively low. Water of this calcium sulphate type can be applied to land without injury at far greater concentrations than are allowable for sodium waters; indeed, calcium sulphate in the form of gypsum or "land plaster" is often spread on fields to neutralize the deleterious effect of black alkali.

Several tracts in western Fresno County now being irrigated by well water have not been under cultivation long enough fully to demonstrate the value of the waters, but sufficient time has elapsed to make it apparent that selected crops under proper care can be raised. The results at the pumping stations of the Pacific Coast Oil Co., where lawns, fruit trees, and garden truck have been irrigated for several years, also give favorable testimony as to the feasibility of utilizing the west-side waters.

AXIAL WATERS.

Calcium and magnesium are the predominant bases in the typical waters of both sides of the valley, but they gradually become subordinate toward the axis, where the alkalies, sodium, and potassium, occur in greater quantity. This alteration takes place more or less generally within the limits of the artesian area, and it is practically complete within the boundaries indicated by lines A'A' and B'B' of Plate II. Because of this alteration the axial waters are least desirable for irrigation, and further development of irrigation on both sides of the valley, with resultant increase of the more readily soluble constituents in the ground supplies, will probably make the axial waters still poorer and will also cause greater accumulation of alkali there in the soil. This probability that the axis will eventually become the sewer for the rest of the valley suggests that safe cultivation of the ground there will necessitate the construction of dikes and underdrains for the purpose of removing the alkali and preventing undue rise of the ground-water level. Water from artesian wells 1,400 to 2,000 feet deep close to the present shore of Tulare Lake is being successfully used for irrigating alfalfa, grain, and other crops, but many wells less than 400 feet deep in that region yield unsatisfactory supplies. Tests of water from wells 300 to 600 feet deep in Stevinson Colony indicate that the water is bad for irrigation, and attempts to use it in crops have been unsuccessful. It is understood that a similar failure followed use of some of the deep waters in Jamesan Colony.

RESULTS OF USING GROUND WATERS.

The character, mineral content, and classification of some supplies that have been applied to crops in San Joaquin Valley are presented in Table 28 in order to give a general idea of the kinds of water that are available. The tests have been grouped for convenience under three headings. Reference may be made to the tables of assays (pp. 182–294) for information regarding the value of other local waters for irrigation. The quality for irrigation has been computed from the analytical data and it is followed by a statement regarding the result of applying the waters to crops. Where no information is given other than that certain cultures have been irrigated it may be understood that those cultures have been irrigated for several consecutive years without apparent ill effect due to the quality of the water.

 ${\tt Table 28.--} \textit{Types of ground water in San Joaquin Valley and their value for irrigation.}$

East side.

Total solids (parts per million).	Chemical character.	Quality for irri- gation.	Results of use in irrigation.
160 160 180 190 190 200 210 230 250 258 268 400 400 140 150 160 170 170 200 220 230 300 370 390 2,000	do do do do do do do do	do	Successfully used on alfalfa and fruit trees. Irrigates alfalfa. Used on garden truck 30 years without trouble.
∠,000	INS-CI	Bau	Desiractive to crops.

Axis.

West side.

620 Na-SO ₄ do 1 950 do Fair 1 1,600 do do 1 1,200 Ca-SO ₄ Good 1 1,500 do do 1	Has irrigated wheat and barley 2 years.
---	---

The data in Table 28 prove that the nature as well as the quality of the dissolved matter has much to do with its effect. containing as much as 1,200 to 2,400 parts per million of total solids. the chief constituents of which are calcium and sulphate, have been successfully applied to cultures. This quantity of mineral matter is greater than the maximum considered allowable in California under the ordinary practice by Hilgard, who evidently has alkali waters especially in mind. Continued use of these stronger waters will undoubtedly involve careful selection of crops and installation of underdrainage to prevent excessive accumulation of alkali. Many sodium carbonate or black alkali waters are being used without apparent trouble near the center line of the valley, but they are all rather low in mineral constituents, total solids being 140 to 400 in the best waters and exceeding 800 parts per million in only a few. It is fortunate that the deep waters east of Tulare Lake are low in mineral matter, as they belong to the sodium carbonate class. The calcium carbonate waters, ranging in this valley usually from 150 to 400 parts per million of solids, can be used without any trouble. and they are classed as good or fair for general irrigation.

EFFECT OF COLD WATER.

The slow development sometimes reported regarding cultures irrigated with ground water on the east side may be caused by the low temperature of the water when it reaches the feeding rootlets, a condition that is undesirable particularly during early stages of growth. Cold water has its greatest retarding effect when it is applied by flooding or by "basin irrigating," as the method of running water into shallow pools around the trunks of bushes and trees is known. When the water is applied through furrows it has opportunity to become warm before it reaches the delicate roots, and the harmful consequences of low temperature are thus avoided. The same result can be obtained by storing the supplies in reservoirs, though this occasions some loss by evaporation. It is customary in many districts to pump into reservoirs during the day and to distribute the supply during the night, when the loss by evaporation is less and more water can therefore be absorbed by the ground, which also does not bake so badly on the surface after the downward percola-The chill is taken from the water during this storage and subsequent damage is obviated.

¹ Hilgard, E. W., Soils, p. 248, The Macmillan Co., New York, 1906.

QUALITY FOR INDUSTRIAL USE.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

Two transcontinental lines traverse the valley from end to end, comprising, with their branches and some shorter systems, about 1,400 miles of track, along which the consumption of water by locomotives is over 3,000,000 gallons a day. Most of this mileage is on the east side of the valley, where the best waters for boiler use are found, but two or three lines already enter the west side, and agricultural development there will soon necessitate more extensive transportation facilities. The numerous wineries in the vineyard districts, particularly around Stockton and Fresno, use large quantities of water for steam making and for washing vats and bins. Ice factories are operated in the larger cities, where laundries and breweries also are important consumers.

EAST-SIDE WATERS.

The ground waters of the east side are generally suitable for boiler use without purification. As they belong mostly to the calcium carbonate type and contain practically no sulphate and rarely much chloride, they are not likely to foam or to be corrosive. The quantity of scale-forming ingredients ranges from 90 to 300 and of foaming ingredients from practically nothing to 250 parts per million. The supplies are generally good or fair for boiler use, form a soft scale, and do not require boiler compounds.

Table 29 contains a summary of tests of east-side industrial supplies particularly in reference to boiler use. The softest supplies supplies almost everywhere on the east side are obtained from wells 200 to 1,000 feet deep. Water from many wells less than 50 or 60 feet deep contains more scale-forming matter than that from deeper wells. and it is therefore less desirable for industrial use. This condition may be demonstrated by comparison of analyses at Stockton, Merced, Fresno, and Tulare, and, though it is not invariable, it is near enough so to make it worth while to investigate the quality of deeper waters before extensive industrial development is undertaken in unexplored localities. Wells more than 1,200 feet deep at Stockton, French Camp, and Madera yield salt water unfit for boiler use, and all wells of that or greater depth on the east side as far south as Fresno will probably yield bad water. Wells of the same depth in Tulare County, however, yield supplies that are very low in scale-forming ingredients, noncorrosive, and low enough in foaming constituents to be classed as good or fair for boiler use. Some ground waters on the east side, more commonly shallow ones, contain enough iron to make them

industrially undesirable. This type of water is avoidable, however, and water of acceptable quality may be obtained nearly everywhere on the east side.

WEST-SIDE WATERS.

The west-side supplies are very hard calcium sulphate waters. They form hard refractory scale in boilers, and many of them are corrosive, and consequently as a class they are undesirable for boiler use. The most highly mineralized sources were found in the west side of Fresno County and in the south part of western Merced County. It is understood that very bad boiler waters also are encountered west of Buttonwillow in Kern County. Few of the waters used in boilers on the west side belong in the calcium sulphate class, for most of them are near enough to the axis to be predominant in alkalies. In order to avoid confusion, however, those from wells in the territory west of the boundary indicated by $\Lambda'\Lambda'$ in Plate II have been entered in Table 29 as west-side waters.

The quantity and hardness of the scale produced generally by westside waters are such that softening is necessary before introduction The Southern Pacific Co. treats 300,000 of the waters into boilers. to 350,000 gallons of water daily at Tracy and about 30,000 gallons at Westley, and avoids the use of ground water at Los Banos, Firebaugh, and Mendota by pumping from San Joaquin River. The water at Tracy is treated with lime and soda ash in a cold-water softening plant, about two-thirds of the incrusting matter being removed. The supply at Westley, fairly high in incrustants and in foaming constituents, is softened by means of lime, the sludge being dumped on the ground near the tanks. The supply at the ice factory of the Newman Light and Power Co. at Newman gives a large amount of hard scale even after having been passed through an open heater with a filtering attachment. Though the railroad supply at that place is much lower in incrustants it contains nearly as great quantity of feaming ingredients, and the city water is like the railroad supply. Experience at the pumping stations along the pipe line of the Pacific Coast Oil Co. is valuable not only in showing the normally poor quality of the west-side waters for boiler use but also in demonstrating how much can be done to improve them by scientific treatment. The pipe line, after entering the west side a few miles north of Tulare Lake, traverses it from south to north at a distance of 5 to 10 miles from the axis. Most of the boiler supplies along the line are of sodium sulphate character—that is, sodium and sulphate are the chief ingredients, but the waters also contain much calcium and magnesium. This makes them capable of forming considerable hard scale and of foaming when they are concentrated; altogether they range from poor to very bad for boiler use in the raw state. It is general practice at the pumping stations to remove a large part of the incrusting matter by treating the supplies with soda ash in open heaters. The tendency to foam is increased in proportion to the quantity of soda ash added, but trouble from that source is obviated by frequent blowing off. The boilers are cleaned regularly every three weeks or oftener, and this attention coupled with the preliminary treatment makes it possible to utilize the waters without trouble or danger. The waters still farther west, however, are generally much higher in incrustants, and many of them are so hard that they could not be rendered fit for use by any treatment except distillation.

AXIAL WATERS.

Excellent supplies for boilers can be obtained from deep wells between Tulare Lake and the city of Tulare in Kings and Tulare counties. Several waters near Corcoran and Angiola produce almost no scale and can be strongly concentrated without trouble from foaming or corrosion.

RESULTS OF USING GROUND WATERS.

The more important facts in reference to the industrial supplies of the valley are summarized in Table 29. More complete details of the analyses can be obtained from the analytical tables (pp. 182–294). The analyses have been grouped for convenience under three headings and by chemical character.

Table 29.—Some industrial water supplies in San Joaquin Valley.

[Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

East side.

Scale- forming ingredi- ents (s).	Foaming ingredi- ents (f).	Probability of corrosion (c).a	Character of water.	Quality for boilers.	Remarks.
140	10	N. C.	Ca-CO ₃	Fair	Used in wine making and in boilers. Wash boilers once a week and get soft sludge.
90 115	40 40	N. C. N. C.	do	Good Fair	No compound used. Used in boilers. Used in beer making and in boilers. Some
130	40	N. C.	do	do	compound used. Used in wine making and in boilers. Clean boilers once in 3 months. A little sludge removed. Blow one gage in 24 hours. Use skimmer. No com- pound used.
135 150	50 40	N. C. N. C.	do	do Good	Locomotive supply. Boiler supply. Clean boilers once a week, getting 7 to 8 pounds hard scale and some
160	20	N.C.	do	Fair	Sludge No compound used. Distilled for ice making. Little sludge in boilers. Practically no scale on atmos-
125 155 100 190 300 200 300 60 100	80 60 10 90 30 140 160 80 80	N. C. ? ? ? ? ? N. C. N. C.	do.	dododoGoodFairPoorFairPoorGoodFair	pheric condensers in 4 months. Locomotive supply. Do. Distilled for ice making. Little sludge. Locomotive supply. Do. Do. Do. Do. Bo. Bo. Boiler supply. Clean every 2 weeks. Eggshell scale; no corrosion; no compound used; blow one-half gage two or three
105 40	100 250	N. C. N. C.	do Na-Cl	do do	times each shift. Locomotive supply. Do.
				Axis.	
70	80	N. C.	Na-CO ₃	Good	Boiler supply. Practically no scale. No treatment; no corrosion. Blow once in 24
70	80	N.C.	do	do	hours. Boiler supply. Cochrane heater. No chemicals. Practically no scale. Used in 1.250 H. P. boilers. No scale; no
70	180	N.C.	do	Fair	chemicals. Practically no scale. Used in 1,250 H. P. boilers. No scale; no pitting.
50	70	N. C.	Na-Cl	Good	Boiler supply. No trouble; no treatment.
				West side	•
260	90	?	Ca-CO ₃	Poor	
	1			1 001	Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Boilers cleaned every 3 weeks.
700	270	c.	Ca-SO ₄		heater. Boilers cleaned every 3 weeks. Blow 2 gages every 12 hours. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane
700 400	270 350	C.	Ca-SO ₄		heater. Boilers cleaned every 3 weeks. Biow 2 gages every 12 hours. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Boiler supply. Boilers cleaned once a month. Scale hard, brittle, about 1 inch thick. Blow 1 gage every 24 hours. Soda
ì	1			Very bad.	heater. Boilers cleaned every 3 weeks. Blow 2 gages every 12 hours. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Boiler supply. Boilers cleaned once a month. Scale hard, brittle, about 1s inch thick. Blow 1 gage every 24 hours. Soda treating plant being installed. Locomotive supply. Cold water softener
400	350	?	Na-SO ₄	Very bad. Bad	heater. Boilers cleaned every 3 weeks. Biow 2 gages every 12 hours. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Boiler supply. Boilers cleaned once a month. Scale hard, brittle, about \(\frac{1}{2}\)etile inch thick. Blow 1 gage every 24 hours. Soda treating plant being installed. Locomotive supply. Cold water softener with lime and soda ash used. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Clean every 18 days. Get 60 to
400 250	350 220	?	Na-SO ₄	Very bad. Bad	heater. Boilers cleaned every 3 weeks. Biow 2 gages every 12 hours. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Boiler supply. Boilers cleaned once a month. Scale hard, brittle, about 1/2 inch thick. Blow 1 gage every 24 hours. Soda treating plant being installed. Locomotive supply. Cold water softener with lime and soda ash used. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Clean every 18 days. Get 60 to 70 pounds eggshell scale. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane Boiler supply.
250 260	350 220 840	?	Na-SO ₄	Very bad. Poor Very bad	heater. Boilers cleaned every 3 weeks. Biow 2 gages every 12 hours. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Boiler supply. Boilers cleaned once a month. Scale hard, brittle, about 1s inch thick. Blow 1 gage every 24 hours. Soda treating plant being installed. Locomotive supply. Cold water softener with lime and soda ash used. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Clean every 18 days. Get 60 to 70 pounds eggshell scale. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Scale thin, but hard and tough. Boiler supply. Treated with soda ash. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Clean every 3 weeks. Blow
250 260 125 230	350 220 840 1,000 790	? ? N. C. N. C. N. C.	Na-SO ₄ dododo	Very bad. Bad Poor Very bad do Bad	heater. Boilers cleaned every 3 weeks. Biow 2 gages every 12 hours. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Boiler supply. Boilers cleaned once a month. Scale hard, brittle, about 1/8 inch thick. Blow 1 gage every 24 hours. Soda treating plant being installed. Locomotive supply. Cold water softener with lime and soda ash used. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Clean every 18 days. Get 60 to 70 pounds eggshell scale. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Scale thin, but hard and tough. Boiler supply. Treated with soda ash. Boiler supply. Treated with soda ash. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane heater. Scale thin, but bard and tough. Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane Boiler supply. Use soda ash and Cochrane

a N.C.=Noncorrosive; C=corrosive; ?=corrosion uncertain or doubtful,

QUALITY FOR DOMESTIC USE.

DEPTH AND POSITION OF POOR SUPPLIES.

Wells more than 1,200 feet deep in and near Stockton yield salt water unsuitable for domestic use, and though the available information indicates that the salinity decreases southward all wells 1,200 feet or more in depth as far south as Fresno probably yield salty water. Though some shallower supplies on the east side of the valley are moderately hard they are not excessively so, and they are generally acceptable for domestic use.

Water fit to drink can not be obtained from wells close to the foot-hills in the southwest part of Kern County and at some places in western Fresno County. The highly gypsiferous waters of western Fresno County can not be used for cooking vegetables and they are nauseating to some persons. With the exception of these areas, however, potable ground water can be obtained from wells throughout the west side. They are, as a rule, very hard, and the traveler who is not accustomed to drinking alkali water can readily notice the distinct taste of the supplies west of San Joaquin River. They are not injurious, however, except in the localities just mentioned, and many of the strongly mineralized ones have been used without harm for several years.

All the artesian waters north of Lemoore, except those containing enough chloride to be salty, are suitable for domestic use. The location of the chloride-bearing waters and the extent of the areas likely to yield such supplies are discussed on pages 117–119. Water from some wells less than 300 feet deep close to Tulare Lake is too strongly impregnated with black alkali to be potable. A few waters just south of Lemoore are highly colored and have a peculiar taste, probably because of percolation through buried peat or other vegetable matter. The deeper supplies around Tulare Lake are exceptionally soft and low in all mineral ingredients and they are very good for domestic use.

POSSIBILITY OF POLLUTION.

The close-grained texture of the silt deposits in San Joaquin Valley, the consequent slow movement of the ground waters, and the general practice of boring wells and casing them form effectual safeguards against pollution by surface drainage or seepage from privies and cesspools a reasonable distance away. Dug wells, so often exposed to contamination, form a small proportion of the domestic supplies because of the uncertainty of obtaining sufficient water at the shallow depths to which such wells can be sunk. If bored wells are constructed with care to insure tight casings to a depth of 40 or 50 feet and if the collection of stagnant water or filth around the top of the casing is prevented, there is little danger of pollution.

MUNICIPAL SUPPLIES.

Cities on the west side near San Joaquin River could avoid troubles incident to the use of hard ground water and could more readily attract prospective manufacturers by drawing from San Joaquin River and its eastern tributaries. Such surface supplies would, of course, have to be filtered, for the streams are subject to pollution by general infiltration, some sewage, and drainage from irrigated lands, but purification would be comparatively simple, and the resulting water would be clear, colorless, and tasteless and extremely low in alkalies and hardness.

Almost all the cities of the valley are supplied with ground water. The composition of the supplies of which analyses are available is given in Table 30.

Table 30.—Chemical composition of some municipal water supplies in San Joaquin Valley.

[Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

City.	Cour	nty.	Depth of well (feet).	Silica (SiO ₂)		Cal- cium (Ca).	Magne- sium (Mg).	Sodium and potas- sium (Na+K).	Carbonate radicle (CO ₃).	Bicar- bonate radicle (HCO ₃).
Alpaugh. Corcoran Dinuba. Exeter. Lodi. Mendota. Modesto Newman Oakdale. Portersville. Stockton Do Do Tulare. Do	Tularedo. San Jos Fresno	aquinaus	2,000 1,000 278 100 640 398 200 (c) (d) (e) (f) 800	b 39 b 60 b 50 b 30 b 44 57 b 16	0.40	26 28 38 66 27 17 23 6.1 14 29	9 11 10 37 12 7.0 11 7.2 1 4.0	32 26 63 a 238 13 a 86 84 89 24 a 18	Tr 9 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	266 99 164 144 130 147 110 189 120 200 205 242 210 90 122
City.	Sul- phate radicle (SO ₄).	Chlo- rine (Cl).	Total hard- ness as CaCO ₃ .	Total solids.	Chemical character		Analy	rst.	Г	Pate.
Alpaugh. Corcoran Dinuba. Exeter. Lodi. Mendota. Modesto Newman Oakdale Portersville Stockton Do Do Tulare. Do	5 Tr. Tr. 11 7 430 3 125 14 Tr. 0 5 7.1	180 15 40 27 36 75 127 389 20 20 64 59 35 8 9.0	154 29 148 a 100 a 115 83 a 135 a 310 a 115 160 a 71 a 105 a 45 a 40 a 90	a 560 a 180 a 260 215 236 a 910 344 1,016 175 a 250 350 349 306 111 174	Na-Cl	on do souther do not be southed not	Dole		Nov. Nov. Dec. May Nov. July Oct. Oct. Nov. Sept. Dec. Oct. Apr.	4, 1908 1, 1910 -, 1900 13, 1910 -, 1900 21, 1910 18, 1910 3, 1904 1, 1910

a Computed.

a computed.

b Including oxides of iron and aluminum.
c Eleven wells at main pumping station 200 to 1,100 feet deep.
d Fourteen wells 800 to 1,000 feet deep; water between 200 and 1,000 feet.
e Four wells at electric pumping station, Monroe and Poplar streets, 665 to 975 feet deep.
f Depth not given; uncertain whether this is from 400 or 800 foot wells.

The city supply of Bakersfield is taken from shallow wells near Kern River. Madera, Selma, and Visalia also are supplied from wells. Water from Merced River is used in the city of Merced.¹ No analyses of the city supply of Fresno, which is procured from deep wells, are available, but other wells in Fresno and vicinity yield soft or moderately hard calcium carbonate water, clear, tasteless, and entirely acceptable in reference to its mineral content for domestic use. The municipal supply of Los Banos is taken (1910) from an irrigation ditch within the city limits. The water is passed through successive beds of coarse gravel, fine gravel, and charcoal at an excessive rate that precludes proper purification.

MISCELLANEOUS ANALYSES.

ANALYSES BY THE CALIFORNIA EXPERIMENT STATION.

Table 31 has been compiled from reports of the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of California for 1897–8, 1898–1901 (Part II), 1901–3, and 1903–4, and from "Alkali lands, irrigation, and drainage in their mutual relations," by E. W. Hilgard, an appendix to the report for 1890. The analyses were reported in such form that it is impracticable to resolve them into ionic form for incorporation in other tables of analyses, and they are therefore published in original form, except that the figures have been converted from grains per United States gallon into parts per million. The classification of the waters for irrigation is that reported by the laboratory, and it is not based on the method of interpretation employed by the writer.

As nearly all the examinations are of miscellaneous samples forwarded to the laboratory by persons residing in the valley, data regarding the location of the wells and their depths are necessarily incomplete. It should be understood, therefore, that the first two columns give the name and address of the sender, which do not always coincide with the name of the owner of the well and its location. For example, seven analyses of water from Fresno and six from Hanford are reported, but evidently not all are from wells within the limits of these two cities.

The results of nearly all these examinations accord with the writer's statements regarding the quality of ground waters in the valley. The amount of sulphate, however, represented by the alkaline sulphates reported in the analysis of water from the 1,315-foot well at St. Agnes Academy, Stockton, disagrees with that reported by several chemists in tests of water from other deep wells in and near that city. The discrepancy is doubtless explainable by mixing of samples or error in computation.

¹ Van Winkle, Walton, and Eaton, F. M., The quality of the surface waters of California: U.S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 237, p. 61, 1910.

TABLE 31.—Analyses of ground waters in San Joaquin Valley by the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of California.

[Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

	County.
	loaduin
č	San

	Quality for irrigation.	Unsuitable. Do. Do. Doubtful. Unsuitable. Suitable. Do. Do.	Suitable. Do. Unsuitable. Do.		Unsuitable, Do. Do. Do. Do.
soluble	Alkaline sulphates (Na ₂ SO ₄ + K ₂ SO ₄).	201 105 205 205 197 197 2,26	130 High.		294 496 300 93
Composition of soluble portion.	Alkaline chlorides (NaCl+ KCl).	928 730 730 High. 11 64 64 235	2, 125 46 467		752 390 52 279
Comp	Alkaline carbonates (Na ₂ CO ₃)+K ₂ CO ₃).	56 63 46 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	44		42 32 128 17
Composition of insoluble portion.	Calcium carbonate (CaCO3), magnesium carbonate (MgCO3), calcium sulphate (CaSO4).	160 130 170 170 92 125 52 125 52 125	507 258	•	1, 647 564 519 15 485 509
Compos	Silica (SiO ₂).	35 45 45 45 Small. 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 89	54 60 51		1, 55, 57,
	Organic and volatile matter.	264 264 264 757 757 768 888 888 400	110 230 539	ty.	619 230 200 35 35
	Portion insoluble in water after evaporation.	195 175 215 215 192 106 111 111 111 271	134 270 507 258	Stanislaus County.	1, 647 564 519 500 500
	Portion soluble in water after evaporation.	1,005 898 459 104 104 134 434 434 434 572 2,333	a 3, 444 220 798 4, 003	Stanis	6,968 1,088 918 480 389
	Total solids.	1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1	4, 059 600 200 1, 535 4, 800		9, 226 1, 882 1, 637 1, 015 1, 018
	Depth of well (feet).	110 80 200 1,100 1,100 1,070 1,070	1, 200		100
	Address.	Bouldin Island. do. do. Clements. do. do. French Camp Lodi Strockton Strockton do.	Fronch Camp Stockton do do		J. F. Ecker Grayson. Sarbour Mewman Do. Grayson Turlock Turlock Turlock Turlock Turlock
	Sender.	R. Hickmott. Do L. Friedberger Do Do J. D. Ameron W. H. De Vris Stockton Asylum Do Do St. Agnes Academy	Stockton water Co		Mrs. J. F. Ecker Grayson. A. Barbour. N. O. Hultberg Turlock Do.

a Calcium chloride, 1,183 parts; magnesium chloride, 297 parts.

TABLE 31.—Analyses of ground waters in San Joaquin Valley by the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of California—Continued.

		Quality for irrigation.	Suitable. Unsuitable.		Unsuitable. Suitable.		Suitable. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do
	soluble	Alkaline sulphates (Na ₂ SO ₄ + K ₂ SO ₄).	Very high.		10 40		37 24 20 300 52 52 52 52 53 64 114 173 173 1,956
	Composition of soluble portion.	Alkaline chlorides (NaCl+ KCl).	29 High.		1,678		12 6 153 12 12 29 29 19 19 11 11 11 11 16 4
	Сошр	Alkaline car- bonates (Na ₂ CO ₃). +K ₂ CO ₃).	15		34		21 90 90 10 10 7 7 7 17 21 21 15
	Composition of insoluble portion.	Calcium carbonate (CaCO3), magnesium carbonate (MgCO3), calcium sulphate (CaSO4).	o.i.		385		9 20 127 127 125 8 8 8 8 998 378 575
	Composi	Silica (SiO ₂).	190 High.		87 07 0		20 219 30 108 108 40 40 115 108 120 120 120 25 25
		Organic and volatile matter.	35 Low.	٠.	205 45		000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 00
Merced County.		Portion insoluble in water after evaporation.	190	Madera County.	472	Fresno County.	100 219 235 235 218 218 115 115 120 120 1,226 1,226 1,226
Merc		Portion soluble in water after evaporation.	164	Mad	1,722	Fres	70 100 20 495 75 75 66 86 184 199 6,688 72 130
		Total solids.	389		2,399		190 379 100 100 283 283 283 284 284 490 21,747 21,747
		Depth of well (feet).			1,200		800
		Address.	Dos Palos		Maderado.		Fowler do do do do do do Kingsriver Mendota Sec. 2, T. 14 S. R. 14 E. New Idria Pollasky
		Sender.	T. KorslabH. T. Thornton		A. L. Sayre. E. C. Foster		Thomas Akin. W. E. Price. N. W. Woody H. C. Eggers. H. C. McNulty. W. H. Hodgkins. C. A. Colmore. Barton Vineyard Co. Barton Vineyard Co. Tr. Yost. Tr. Yost. Tr. Yost. Tr. W. H. M. Brown. W. W. W. Brown. W. W. Brown. W. W. Brown. W. W. W. Brown. W. W

Do. Do.		Suitable. Doubtful. Suitable. Do. Do. To. Do. Suitable. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.		Unsuitable. Do. Do. Do. Suitable. Do. Suitable. Do. Unsuitable. Do. Vnsuitable. Do. Vnsuitable. Do. Vnsuitable. Do. Vnsuitable. Do. Do. Po. Po. Do. Po. Po.
		8 114 95 11 14 748 24 25 25 102 High.		180 130 137 137 137 137 137 137 137 137 137 137
612		12 6 24 3 6 6 6 45 9 93 93 High.		200 7 1 2 4 4 4 4 4 6 4 6 1 1 6 1 3 4 8 1 3 4 8 2 3 6 6 6
		296 296 21 21 21 10 42 842 843 843 843 843 843 843 843 843 843 843		278 153 111 111 106 55 22 222 222 222 224 574 478 54 54 54 54 54 54 54 54 54 54 54 54 54
		95 5 5		1,587 1,587 1,987 119 116 1140 130 138 135 135 1400 1700 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000
		1162 1188 1189 229 259 260 200 200 5		200 100 100 100 100 100 100 100
104		255 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5		399 - 399 - 110 -
156	Kings County.	168 118 120 120 120 120 120 100 100 115 115 115 116 117 117 118 118 118 118 118 118 118 118	Tulare County	1,587 1,587 1,587 429 33 33 145 40 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
122	Kin	28 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	Tule	3.905 1.907 1.987 1.387 1.738 1.738 1.738 1.738 2.739
200 101 113 382		203 523 289 170 1,118 2,995 1,118 260 458 458 462 463 133 370		5, 891 3, 953 3, 953 3, 953 3, 953 1, 197 1, 197 1, 405 1, 140 1, 105 1, 140 1,
105		30 550 60 66 66 60 1150-200 900 1,150 942 942 964 1646		80 360 16 115 220 1360 1,100 1,100 900 900
Selma. do. 5 miles west of Fresno.		Armona. do do Hanford do do do do do do do do Lemoore Lemoore do do do do do do South of Tulare Lake		Angiola do do do Gross Creek Dinnta Goshen Lindsay Portersville 'do Tulare do Tulare Tulare 7 miles south of Tulare 7 miles north of Visalia.
7. F. Martin. Slma Water Co Do Dastings		T. Owings. Fs. C. W. Sullivan. T. Owings. W. Motheral M. Blowers. D. V. Taylor. Jacobs.		H. Wilbur Do Do Do P. Damey P. Demey Palge A. Linder H. Williams W. Dowey

a Three wells, 380, 414, and 450 feet deep. Analysis reported by owner.

Table 31.—Analyses of ground waters in San Joaquin Valley by the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of California—Continued.

Kern County.

	Quality for irrigation.	Unsuitable. Do. Do. Suitable. Suitable. Suitable. Do. Do. Unsuitable. Do. Do.
soluble	Alkaline sulphates (Na ₂ SO ₄ + K ₂ SO ₄).	2, 862 3,032 1,043 80 80 896 65 65 High.
Composition of soluble portion.	Alkaline chlorides (NaCl+ KCl).	12 255 6,385 24 397 397 39
Com	Alkaline car- bonates (Na ₂ CO ₃) +K ₂ CO ₃).	1, 255 1, 255 22 22 16 16 53
Composition of insoluble portion.	Calcium carbonate (CaCO3), magnesium carbonate (MgCO3), calcium sulphate (CaSO4).	960 485 175 175 125 164 9 0 1,697 8
Composi	Silica (SiO ₂).	20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 34
	Organic and volatile matter.	525 186 170 40 45 45 498 60 60 60
	Portion insoluble in water after evaporation.	1,005 202 202 202 145 145 180 180 29 29 20 50 1,697 36
	Portion soluble in water after evaporation.	2, 895 3,308 9,183 104 1,315 120 130 90 86 86
	Total solids.	4 425 4,044 9,555 9,555 1,495 353 179 173 1,397 1,397
	Depth of well (feet).	1,000 70 340
	Address.	Bakersfield
	Sender.	J. S. Druty. Bakersfield D. E. Josephi do M. E. Josephi do D. E. Josephi do D. E. Josephi do S. Dickinson do B. Thomas Kem J. M. Thompson Kem C. F. Banks McKittick L. S. Harman Sec. 33, T. 35 S.,

ANALYSES BY THE RECLAMATION SERVICE.

A few analyses of water from wells in San Joaquin Valley were made by chemists of the Reclamation Service during 1904 and 1905. Though the results have heretofore been published ¹ they are included herewith in order that the analytical records may be complete. The analysis of water from the 1,990-foot well at the State Insane Hospital, Stockton, agrees closely with those of water from other very deep wells in the city. The water of the well at Firebaugh is nearest in composition to that of the 532-foot well at Miller pumping station in sec. 22, T. 13 S., R. 14 E. The highly mineralized water from a flowing well reported as being at Tulare is undoubtedly from a well about 200 feet deep west of Angiola. Though the sources of the other samples can not be identified, the analyses of them agree entirely with the statements made in the preceding text.

Table 32.—Analyses of water from wells in San Joaquin Valley by chemists of the United States Reclamation Service.

[1 atto per mimon.]								
Location.	County.	Date.	Carbon- ate radicle (CO ₃).	Bicarbon- ate radicle (HCO ₃).	Chlorine (Cl).	Dis- solved solids.		
State Insane Hospital, Stockton a SE. ½ sec. 17, T. 11 S., R. 18 E NE. ½ sec. 11, T. 7 S., R. 12 E SW. ½ sec. 23, T. 7 S., R. 13 E Tulare b. Porters ville. Goshen. Firebaugh. Button willow. Bakersfield.	Madera	do Dec.,1905 do do	0 0 0 7 0 0 3 0	84 174 123 336 1,630 205 82 195 455 254	3,620 85 14 70 436 2 7 225 35 21	6,940 380 328 584 2,110 250 156 1,420 816 358		
Dudley	Kings		ő	241	183	2,090		

[Parts per million.]

FORECASTING QUALITY OF GROUND WATER.

The analyses and assays accompanying the county notes (pp. 177–306) are tabulated by range, township, and section, the locations on the Spanish land grants being inserted in proper order to conform to that arrangement. The locations of the wells from which samples of water were collected are indicated in Plate II (in pocket). The tables show first the amounts of the ingredients determined by analysis, then certain computed amounts necessary to proper understanding of the quality, and lastly classifications indicating the approximate nature of the waters and their general usefulness. The information thus tabulated is so detailed that it is not necessary to describe the waters individually in the text. The formulas that

^a Depth, 1,990 feet; calcium (Ca), 600; magnesium (Mg), 171; sodium and potassium (Na+K), 1,370; sulphate radicle (SO₄), 8 parts per million.

^b Flowing well.

¹ Stabler, Herman, Some stream waters of the western United States: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 274, p. 146, 1911.

have been used in the computations and the ratings by which the waters have been classified are fully described in pages 50-83.

The best way to use this material in forecasting the local quality of water is to study the tabulated analyses in connection with Plates II, III, and V and figure 2. After analyses of the water of wells near the locality under consideration have been compared, sections through the locality should be drawn representing the depth of the wells in relation to the composition of their waters. The deeper a well is the greater the area over which its water may be considered representative, because the deep supplies circulate more slowly than the upper ones and are less affected by rainfall, vegetation, and The general direction of movement of the deep waters is from the foothills toward the axis, gradually changing near the axis to a direction parallel with it. Waters within 20 to 50 feet of the surface are diverted more or less from this course by surface configuration—that is, shallow waters move toward near-by gullies, coulees, or watercourses. The somewhat meager information on the subject indicates that shallow wells in the sandy deltas yield better water than shallow wells in the slight depressions between the deltas, and that shallow wells in land showing alkali patches yield poorer water than those in nonalkali tracts. Several shallow wells in dry stream beds were found to yield less strongly mineralized water than neighboring wells not affected by the stream underflow. These conditions are not invariable, but if they are considered with judgment knowledge of them is helpful in predicting the quality of water in the unexplored areas of the valley.

SUMMARY.

The more important conclusions regarding the quality of water in San Joaquin Valley may be summarized as follows:

The waters of the perennial streams are entirely suitable for irrigation; storage to remove suspended matter renders them acceptable for boiler use, and filtration would purify them for domestic supply.

On the east side between the Sierra and the trough of the valley wells 20 to 1,000 feet deep generally yield calcium carbonate waters, moderate in total solids and in total hardness and distinguishable by their low sulphate content. These waters are suitable for domestic use, good or fair for irrigation, and fair or poor for boiler use. Many of them have been successfully applied to diversified crops for several years. Water from wells less than 50 feet deep is generally poorer than that from slightly deeper wells.

On the west side wells between the Coast Range and the trough of the valley yield hard, gypseous waters high in mineral content and especially in sulphate. Nearly all the waters taste of alkali, but they are potable except the most highly concentrated ones close to the foothills. The west-side waters are poorer for irrigation than those of the east side, but few of them are unfit for use if proper care is taken to prevent accumulation of alkali. They contain so much scale-forming matter that they should be softened before use in boilers, and many of them are so strongly mineralized that they can not be economically softened.

In the axis or trough of the valley wells yield waters distinguishable by the predominance of sodium and potassium among the basic radicles. These waters gradually mingle on either side of the valley with those of the east-side and west-side types, and they are locally altered by seepage from both sides of the valley. The ground waters in the axis differ much from each other in concentration and in composition and therefore in their economic value. Nearly all except the salt waters and those from wells less than 300 feet deep in or near the bed of Tulare Lake are potable. Many of those north of Kings River are poor for irrigation and are too high in foaming constituents to be suitable for steaming. The deep artesian waters south of Kings River are good or fair for irrigation and for boiler use.

Borings more than 1,200 feet deep as far south as Fresno County yield strong salt waters unfit for use, but south of that county wells of that or greater depth, yield sodium carbonate waters of low mineral content. Many flowing wells 300 to 800 feet deep in the axis

also yield salt water.

The chief reason for the difference of composition between ground waters of the east and the west side is the different character of the sediments through which they pass; the silt brought down from the Sierra was derived from old, difficultly soluble rocks, but that from the Coast Range was derived from more recent metamorphic and sedimentary rocks containing gypsum and other readily soluble constituents. Alkalines predominate in the axial waters because the more readily soluble constituents have become concentrated during the movement of the waters toward the natural drain of the valley.

The very deep waters of the east side and of the axis increase northward in mineral content, but the shallow waters show no such

general relation.

PUMPING TESTS.

By HERMAN STABLER.

NOTES ON THE PLANTS.

During the summer of 1910 pumping tests were made on about 50 irrigation plants in San Joaquin Valley, in connection with other studies of the water supply. In the following pages a description of each plant and test is given, with brief remarks concerning the results shown by the test. The date of installation is given in the heading. The data of chief interest to the irrigator have also been collected in Table 34, in which the various factors in the cost and relative efficiency of the several plants are presented. A summary of the principal points to be observed in order to obtain good service from a pumping plant is also appended.

1. T. R. HILL, LODI, CAL. (1910).

Location.—Lot 7 of the Hogan tract, SW. 4 sec. 19, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—6-horsepower Samson distillate engine, 18-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 3½-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 8-inch pulley, catalogue capacity of 250-300 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 8 inches by 44 feet, uncased; water 8 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Engine, \$235; pump, \$85; well, \$22; complete plant, \$385.

Use in 1910.—Preparation of land and irrigation of young alfalfa. Proposed plan of irrigation provides for the watering of 4 acres of alfalfa eight times.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a two-hour test of the plant on September 25, 1910.

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 0.96.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 256.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 310 (marked 325); pump, 686 (catalogue speed, 830).

Head: 6-foot lift; 20-foot suction. Total static head, 26 feet.

Remarks.—The plant is about as small as can be satisfactorily used for irrigating alfalfa but is far larger than a 4 or 5 acre alfalfa tract can support. The owner pays a building cost of \$96 per acre, and the cost of plant depreciation, maintenance, and operation amounts to \$17 per acre annually. At this rate more than half the value of all the alfalfa that can be raised will be required for the upkeep of the pumping plant and payment of taxes and interest and insurance charges. For the first few years this may not be noted by an owner who makes no allowance for depreciation, but as the plant grows older the problem of renewal must be met.

The efficiency of the plant is low. So far as could be noted without detailed study this is accounted for by the following facts: The engine is larger than is required for the work done and is underspeeded and fed an excess of distillate; the pump is much underspeeded. The owner can not hope to make a living on his small tracts by raising alfalfa. His net revenue could be greatly increased by supplying pumped

water to adjacent lands and in such case a 4-inch pump could profitably be installed. Care in designing the plant for proper speeds and in operating would add materially to the owner's success.

2. J. C. DUTTON, LODI, CAL. (1906).

Location.—SW. 4 sec. 31, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—6-horsepower Samson distillate engine, 22-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 4-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 8-inch pulley, catalogue capacity 400–450 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 10 inches by 50 to 60 feet, uncased; water 5 to 10 feet below the surface according to season.

Building cost.—Engine, \$290; pump, \$100; well, \$25; complete plant, \$495.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 3 acres of vineyard watered two or three times, 1 acre of alfalfa, and 1 acre of eucalyptus trees watered once a week or about 12 times in the season.

Test.—The following results were obtained during an hour and a quarter test of the plant on September 26, 1910:

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 1.00

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 380.

Speeds, revolutions per minute: Engine, 248; pump, 666 (catalogue speed, 670).

Head: 6-foot lift; 15-foot suction. Total static head, 21 feet.

Remarks.—The plant is well designed and properly speeded. When tested the batteries were in poor condition and excess of distillate was being used. Poor ignition and relatively low efficiency resulted. The relatively large profits obtainable from a high grade of table grapes probably justify the installation of this plant. The area served is so small, however, that irrigation from it must necessarily be expensive. To provide for economical irrigation by means of this plant an area 10 to 15 times as great should be served with water.

3. J. C. DUTTON, LODI, CAL. (1909?).

Location.—SW. 4 sec. 31, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—4-horsepower Peerless vertical distillate engine; belt-connected to a 3½-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 8-inch lagged pulley, catalogue capacity 250–300 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 10 inches by 60 feet, cased for 12 feet; water 14 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Engine and pump, \$325; well, \$30; complete plant, \$400.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 8 acres of vineyard and 2 acres of alfalfa.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a 1½-hour test of the plant on September 26, 1910:

Consumption of distillate, gallon per hour, 0.75.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 265.

Speed, revolutions per minute, engine, 310.

Head: 8-foot lift; 19-foot suction. Total static head, 27 feet.

Remarks.—This plant gives results satisfactory in view of its size and irrigation costs that are not unreasonable in consideration of the value of the crops raised. Either plant No. 2 or No. 3, however, if properly located, could do the work of both with much greater economy.

4. A. S. LA SALLE, LODI, CAL. (1902).

Location.—NE. 1 sec. 25, T. 3 N., R. 6 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—12-horsepower Hercules distillate engine, 24-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 7-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 16-inch pulley, catalogue capacity 1,100–1,300 gallons per minute. Wells, three, bored, 8 inches by 90 feet, 10 inches by 90 feet, 17 inches by 90 feet; water 11 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Engine and pump, \$750; complete plant, \$1,250.

 $Use\ in\ 1910.$ —Irrigation of 20 acres of alfalfa four times at the rate of 2 acres in seven hours.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a 2-hour test of the plant on September 27, 1910:

Consumption of distillate: No satisfactory measurement obtainable. Owner states that 12 gallons are required for a 10-hour run, corresponding to 1.2 gallons per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 868.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 300; pump, 410 (catalogue speed, 492).

Head: 8-foot lift; 19-foot suction. Total static head, 27 feet.

Remarks.—This plant apparently operates at high efficiency. Records of water pumped and distillate used are both somewhat doubtful, however, so the apparent efficiency may be too high. The engine has been given excellent care and operates in a very satisfactory manner after eight years' use. A 6-inch pump would be better suited to the plant than the one now in use. The 7-inch pump has to be speeded considerably below its economic capacity in order that the engine may not be too heavily overloaded. The owner of this plant has two other pumping plants on his property. One plant properly located could with much greater economy do the work of all three.

5. J. H. HIGH, LODI, CAL.

Location.—Sec. 18, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—Byron Jackson pumping unit, consisting of a 5-horsepower electric motor direct-connected to a 3-inch horizontal centrifugal pump; catalogue capacity, 225 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 8 inches by 25 feet; water 8 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Pumping unit, \$513; well, \$16; complete plant, \$550.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of small garden and 2 acres of alfalfa; also, for pumping to elevated tank for domestic use.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a 1-hour test on September 28, 1910:

Current used, kilowatt hours per hour, 4.0.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 300.

Speed of motor and pump, revolutions per minute, 1,150.

Head: 6-foot lift; 14-foot suction. Total static head, 20 feet.

Remarks.—The efficiency of the plant is low, probably on account of the high speed of the pump necessary for pumping to the elevated tank. The result on the lower lift used for irrigation is overspeeding, increased discharge, and low efficiency. The cost per acre of the plant is far too high to be justified by the value of the crops raised. It is essentially a luxury.

6. P. H. TINDELL, LODI, CAL.

Location.—SW. 4 sec. 18, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—12-horsepower Fairbanks-Morse distillate engine, 30-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 5-inch Jackson horizontal centrifugal pump with 11½-inch pulley. Catalogue capacity 700 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 8 inches by 150 feet; water 16 feet below the surface; pump installed in 1898, engine in 1906.

Building cost.—Engine, \$650; pump, \$120; well, \$200; complete plant, \$1,000.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 5 acres of alfalfa six times, 13.5 acres of vineyard once, 28.5 acres of vineyard twice, and 10 acres of vineyard three times. Two to two-and-a-half acres irrigated per day of 12 hours.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a one-hour-test on September 28, 1910:

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour (from owner's record, no measurement being obtainable), 1.20.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 605.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 263; pump, 645.

Head: 11-foot lift; 20-foot suction. Total static head, 31 feet.

Remarks.—This plant, being operated with fair efficiency to irrigate 52 acres, is subject to the reasonable water cost of \$3.60 per acre per year or \$2.60 per acre-foot of water pumped. The crops raised can readily stand such a charge. The amount of water used, 1.4 acre-feet per acre per year, is rather low because of the relatively small water requirement of vineyards. The plant is of sufficient capacity to irrigate an area fully twice as great as that now watered from it.

7. GEORGE D. KETTLEMAN, LODI, CAL. (1910).

Location.—SW. ‡ sec. 7, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—20-horsepower Samson distillate engine, 30-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 6-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 12-inch pulley, catalogue capacity 800–1,000 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 12 inches by 46 feet, uncased; water 18 feet below the surface. Engine house has substantial cement floor and very heavy concrete engine base.

Building cost.—Engine, \$760; pump, \$90; well, \$30; complete plant, \$1,200.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 4 acres of alfalfa 10 times at the rate of 0.4 to 0.3 acre per hour. Also as insurance against drought for a large vineyard, though no irrigating water was supplied to the vineyard lands.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a 4-hour test of the plant on September 29, 1910:

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 1.83.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 914.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 222; pump, 530 (catalogue speed, 566).

Head: 8-foot lift; 20-foot suction. Total static head, 28 feet.

Remarks.—This plant is remarkable on account of the very high yield of the well, 0.204 second-foot per foot of draw-down. Except for wells in a stream bed, no other well tested in San Joaquin Valley was found to have a capacity 85 per cent as great. A considerable amount of sand has been pumped out and on account of the heavy draft some sand continues in the discharge. The cost of operation in 1910 was \$31 per acre irrigated, a very large proportion of the value of the alfalfa raised. The building of such a large plant can not be justified by the use to which it is put. The insurance against drought for the vineyard is perhaps its greatest value. In any case a considerably smaller plant would be fully as useful and much less expensive than the one installed. Only fair efficiency is obtained, the pump being slightly underspeeded and the engine working at small load.

8. CHARLES RASH, LODI, CAL. (1909).

Location.—NW. 4 sec. 19, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—10-horsepower Samson distillate engine; 20-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 5-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 10-inch pulley; catalogue capacity, 600–700 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 12 inches by 48 feet, uncased.

Building cost.—Engine, \$350; pump, \$75; well, \$30; complete plant, \$550.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 2.5 acres of alfalfa six times. Available for use in vineyard also.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a two-hour test of the plant on September 30, 1910:

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 1.50.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 406.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 303; pump, 596 (catalogue speed, 646).

Head: 3-foot lift; 23-foot suction. Total static head, 26 feet.

Remarks.—The plant is well designed in most respects. The pump should be set lower, however, in order to avoid excessive suction lift. The operating efficiency

98205°-wsp 398-16-10

was very low during the test. This was due in part to excessive feeding of distillate and in part to the presence of air in the pump. The pump was also somewhat underspeeded. In order to secure reasonable economy, the plant should serve a much greater acreage. As used in 1910, the building cost of the plant is \$220 per acre irrigated and the annual cost of irrigation \$32 per acre, or \$7.80 per acre-foot of water pumped. The crops raised are not of sufficient value to warrant such irrigation costs.

9. JOHN TRETHEWAY, LODI, CAL. (1908).

Location.—NW. 4 sec. 11, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—25-horsepower Samson distillate engine; 32-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 7-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 14-inch pulley (catalogue capacity, 1,100–1,300 gallons per minute). Well, bored, 13 to 8 inches by 137 feet, cased; water 26 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Engine, \$900; pump, \$120; well, \$100; complete plant, \$1,300.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of garden and of 14 acres of alfalfa, watered twice.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a two-hour test of the plant on October 3, 1910:

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 1.57.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 425.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 220; pump, 460 (catalogue speed, 630).

Head: 22-foot lift; 26-foot suction. Total static head, 48 feet.

Remarks.—The operation efficiency of this plant was excellent when all conditions are considered, though the actual results were poor. The engine and pump were underspeeded in order that the capacity of the well might not be exceeded, and the distillate feed choked as far as practicable. A much smaller plant would pump with better efficiency all the water that the well can supply. More extended irrigation from this plant is proposed, but additional water supply from additional wells or from reconstruction of the present well will be necessary to make the plant a success.

10. J. A. HIEB, LODI, CAL. (1907).

Location.—SW. 4 sec. 15, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—8-horsepower Fairbanks-Morse distillate engine, 24-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 4-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 8-inch lagged pulley; catalogue capacity, 400–450 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 8 inches by 46 feet, uncased; water 19 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Engine, \$470; pump, \$70; well, \$25; complete plant, \$650.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 4 acres of alfalfa, watered 18 times, at the rate of one-third of an acre per hour.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a one-hour test of the plant on October 4, 1910:

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour (owner's statement of average requirement, no satisfactory measurement being obtainable), 1.00.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 444.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 275 (118 explosions); pump, 750 (catalogue speed, 743).

Head: 7-foot lift; 20-foot suction; total static head, 27 feet.

Remarks.—This plant is well designed, the various parts being well adapted to one another. The efficiency appears to be lower than would be expected, but this is probably due to the rather heavy draft of distillate. The building cost and operation and maintenance costs per acre of land irrigated are unreasonably high in view of the crops raised, for the plant is of sufficient size to irrigate an area twenty times as great as that for which it is actually utilized.

11. SAM KUMMIS, LODI, CAL.

Location.—SE. 4 sec. 24, T. 3 N., R. 6 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—12-horsepower distillate engine (unknown make), 36-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 6-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 12-inch lagged pulley; catalogue capacity, 800–1,000 gallons per minute. Engine and pump on a portable platform and used to pump from three wells located at convenient points; water about 9 feet below the surface.

Estimated building cost.—Engine, \$600; pump, \$105; wells, \$150; complete plant, \$900.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 60 acres of almonds and alfalfa, mostly almonds.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a short test on October 4, 1910: Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour (owner's statement of average use, no measurement being obtainable), 1.20.

Water pumped, gallous per minute, 444.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 138; pump, 400 (catalogue speed, 566).

Head: 3-foot lift: 24-foot suction; total static head, 27 feet.

Remarks.—The engine is an old one but is still doing good service. The plant operates at low efficiency, chiefly because the speed is very low, this being necessary in order to avoid excessive suction lift. A portable centrifugal pump can be used to advantage only in case the water table is close to the surface of the ground. An 8-horsepower engine and a 4-inch pump would do the work of this plant with greater efficiency and at about two-thirds the building cost.

12. W. G. MICKE, LODI, CAL. (1905).

Location.—NW. 1/4 sec. 7, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—Byron Jackson pumping unit, consisting of a 3-horsepower electric motor direct-connected to a 2-inch horizontal centrifugal pump, catalogue capacity, 100 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 5 inches in diameter, shallow; water 16 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—About \$250 for the completed plant.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 1.5 acres of alfalfa and garden five times at the rate of 0.06 acre per hour.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a 2-hour test of the plant on October 6, 1910.

Current used, kilowatt-hours per hour, 2.0.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 108.

Speed of motor and pump, revolutions per minute, 1,700.

Head: 6-foot lift; 19-foot suction. Total static head, 25 feet.

Remarks.—This plant has low efficiency because of its small size. As it lies idle the greater portion of the time, the costs per acre are large even though the current is purchased on the basis of actual use.

13. MRS. WM. P. BEARD, LODI, CAL. (1910).

Location.—NW. 4 sec. 30, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—5-horsepower Samson distillate engine, 20-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 3½-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 7-inch pulley, catalogue capacity, 250–300 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 8 inches by 50 feet, uncased; water 12 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Engine, \$200; pump, \$85; well, \$4; complete plant, \$325.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 2 acres of alfalfa and 0.3 acre of garden six times.

Test.—The following results were obtained during an hour-and-a-half test on October 6, 1910.

Consumption of distillate, gallon per hour, 0.80.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 249.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 276; pump, 716 (catalogue speed, 807).

Head: 5-foot lift, 19-foot suction. Total static head, 24 feet.

Remarks.—This plant is operated at low efficiency on account of small size, low speed of pump, and slip of belt. The area irrigated is so small that the building cost per acre and cost per acre of operation and maintenance are excessive.

14. JACOB WAGNER (1904).

Location.—NW. 4 sec. 19, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—12-horsepower Fairbanks-Morse distillate engine, 28-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 5-inch Krogh "Pacific" horizontal centrifugal pump with 10-inch pulley, catalogue capacity, 500 to 950 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 12 inches by 115 feet, cased; water 14 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Complete plant estimated at \$1,000.

 $Use\ in\ 1910.$ —Irrigation of 6 acres of alfalfa watered five times at the rate of 0.07 acre per hour.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a 2-hour test on October 7, 1910. Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 1.25.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 299.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 232 (118 explosions); pump, calculated, 650 (catalogue speed, 573).

Head: 11-foot lift; 24-foot suction. Total static head, 35 feet.

Remarks.—As is the case with most plants on which tests were made in this neighborhood, the costs are high by reason of the small area of irrigation. The efficiency of this plant is very low and can not be explained by reasons that were apparent. The discharge is far too small for size and speed of the pump, and there were indications of air leakage in the suction pipe. It may be, however, that poor condition of the pump or clogging of the foot valve is the cause of the low efficiency. The well is deeper than most in the vicinity, and the upper aquifers are cased off. This seems to have been a mistake in construction, as the capacity of the well is relatively small.

15. W. E. BUNKER, GUSTINE, CAL. (1910).

Location.—NW. 4 sec. 7, T. 9 S., R. 9 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—100-horsepower Samson four-cylinder vertical distillate engine; direct-connected to a 26-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump, catalogue capacity 16,000 gallons per minute.

Building cost.—Engine, \$2,850; complete plant, \$3,950.

Use.—Pumping for irrigation from a gravity canal through 8-foot suction and 12-foot lift (total static head 20 feet) to high lands. In 1910 156 acres of raw land was watered once at the rate of 0.64 acre per hour using 7.5 gallons of distillate per hour. Plan of irrigation provides for watering 350 acres of alfalfa twice per season.

Remarks.—Though not an underground water development, this plant, which was visited but not tested, is cited as an example of a type of plant being installed at various localities on the west side of San Joaquin Valley in a region highly developed for alfalfa and dairying. The land is reputed to be salable at \$30 per acre without and \$300 per acre with a water right. Plants of this type extend the use of flood waters to high lands that could not otherwise be watered. Water is supplied by the canals only until sometime in July or August so that the growing season is relatively short. Plants that can quickly irrigate a large area seem to be essential in view of the conditions and the value of the crops seems to warrant rather high costs. From the use of distillate and time for watering it is evident that the plant was not operated at full capacity in 1910.

16. JOE HOUSE, GUSTINE, CAL. (1909).

Location.—SW. 4 sec. 6, T. 8 S., R. 9 E., Mount Diable base and meridian.

Plant.—25-horsepower Samson distillate engine; 14-inch Samson centrifugal pump, catalogue capacity 5,000 to 6,000 gallons per minute.

Building cost.—Engine, \$900; complete plant, \$1,500.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 77 acres of alfalfa twice at the rate of 1.15 acres per hour. Remarks.—This plant receives its water supply from a gravity canal. The pump operates under water and has a lift of 5.5 feet to 14 acres and 3.5 feet to 63 acres of land. The costs for the season were \$19 for distillate at 10 cents a gallon, \$1 for lubricating oil, and a merely nominal amount for attendance. The water supply is usually available until some time in July or August. The plant was visited on October 11 but no tests were made. From the foregoing data, supplied by the owner, the efficiency is excellent and the total cost of irrigation about \$2.90 per acre. To this should be added \$1.50 to \$3 per acre charged by the gravity canal company for the water supplied.

17. PATTERSON COLONY, PATTERSON, CAL. (1910).1

This plant is located near the new town of Patterson on the west bank of San Joaquin River about 30 miles southwest of Stockton. It is noteworthy as being the largest irrigation pumping plant in San Joaquin Valley. The Rancho del Puerto, or Patterson Ranch, containing about 18,000 acres of land, has been subdivided and is being sold in small holdings with a water right providing for irrigation of the lands with water pumped from San Joaquin River. The irrigable area contains about 14,000 acres and is watered with an assumed duty of water of 1 second-foot to 160 acres from five sections of main canal differing about 13 feet in elevation. The main pumping plant with a capacity of 50,000 gallons per minute (111 second-feet) is located on the river bank and raises the water about 21 feet to the first-lift canal. The first-lift canal supplies water to a large area of land and terminates in a small reservoir supplying a second pumping station that raises water to the second lift canal. The second-lift canal, in turn, supplies water to the land and through a reservoir to a third pumping station. In the same way the fourth and fifth pumping stations and the third, fourth, and fifth lift canals are operated. The canals and reservoirs are lined with concrete and extend about 17,500 feet in a straight line west from the river. The motive power is electricity supplied 19 hours a day (to avoid peak load) at the low rate of three-fourths of a cent per kilowatt-hour actually used. The pumps are of the horizontal centrifugal type, were specially designed for the conditions under which they operate, and gave efficiencies over 75 per cent in tests at the factory. The pump equipment planned for the several stations (about half installed in 1910) is as follows:

m	00	20			D	7
TABLE	- 33 -	-Pum	nnna	equipment.	Patterson.	colonu

Sta- tion.	Number and size of pumps.	Station capacity in gallons per minute.	Accumu- lated lift in feet.
1	Four 20-inch. Three 20-inch; one 18-inch. Two 20-inch; one 15-inch Three 15-inch. One 15-inch.	50,000	21
2		46,000	34
3		31,000	47
4		18,000	60
5		6,000	73

¹ The construction of this pumping system has been described in detail by G. C. Stevens (Eng. Record, vol. 62, pp. 284-286, 1910).

18. P. ALLING, LODI, CAL. (1908).

Location.—NE. 4 sec. 30, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—5-horsepower Samson distillate engine, 17-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 4-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 8-inch lagged pulley, catalogue capacity 400–450 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 6 inches by 46 feet, uncased; water 11 feet beneath the surface.

Building cost.—Engine, \$200; pump, \$70; well, \$25; complete plant, \$355.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 3.5 acres of alfalfa and a small area of eucalyptus trees and garden eight times at the rate of 0.12 acre per hour.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a 2-hour test on October 13, 1910. Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 0.97.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 406.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 328; pump, 642 (catalogue speed, 694).

Head: 7-foot lift; 16-foot suction. Total static head, 23 feet.

Remarks.—The well at this plant has very great capacity for one of so small a diameter. The efficiency of the plant is low and is accounted for by the use of an excess of distillate. The unit costs are high on account of the small area irrigated. The plant is well kept, and with more extensive irrigation operations would give excellent results.

19 AND 20. HOGAN BROS., LODI, CAL. (1904).

Location.—SW. 4 sec. 19, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—12-horsepower Fairbanks-Morse distillate engine, 22-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 5-inch Krogh "Pacific" horizontal centrifugal pump with 10-inch pulley, catalogue capacity 500–950 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 12 inches by 46 feet, uncased; water 9 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Complete plant, \$1,000.

Use in 1910.—In conjunction with plant No. 21, for the irrigation of 30 acres of alfalfa, 5 acres of strawberries, and 5 acres of garden truck.

Tests.—The following results were obtained from a 1.5-hour test of the plant on October 5, 1910, and a 2-hour test on October 14, 1910, respectively.

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 1.67-2.12.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 710-640.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 267-271 (117-124 explosions); pump, 557-577 (catalogue speed, 524).

Head: 3.5-foot lift; 24.5-foot suction. Total static head, 28 feet.

Remarks.—The engine is an old one. The cylinder has been rebored and at the time of the test needed repacking as it allowed considerable escape of gases. An excess of distillate was being used. The efficiency of the plant was low, but the unit costs are better than for many neighboring plants because a larger relative area is irrigated.

21. HOGAN BROS., LODI, CAL. (1909).

Location.—SW. \(\frac{1}{4}\) sec. 19, T. 3 N., R. 7 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—12-horsepower Union vertical distillate engine, 18-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 5-inch Globe horizontal centrifugal pump with 14-inch pulley. Well, bored, 12 to 6 inches by 55 feet, cased 25 feet; water 12 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Complete plant, \$1,000.

Use in 1910.—In conjunction with plant No. 20, for the irrigation of 30 acres of alfalfa, 5 acres of strawberries and 5 acres of garden truck.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a 1.5-hour test of the plant on October 14, 1910.

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 1.38.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 500.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 343; pump, 427.

Head: 2-foot lift; 25-foot suction. Total static head, 27 feet.

Remarks.—This plant is operating at low efficiency. This is probably due in part to the great suction lift approaching the limit of practicable operation, and in part to the low speed of the pump. The economic discharge and speed of pump are not known, but it is probably considerably underspeeded and working at low efficiency to develop a relatively small discharge.

22. E. P. TYLER (1910).

Location.—Lot 233, Merced Colony; NE. 4 sec. 5, T. 8 S., R. 14 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—35-horsepower General Electric Co. induction motor, 9½-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 10-inch Jackson horizontal centrifugal pump with 21-inch pulley, catalogue capacity, 3,000 gallons per minute. Wells, bored, one 12 to 10 inches by 172 feet, one 12 to 8 inches by 292 feet, one 12 to 8 inches by 220 feet, all cased 40 to 50 feet; water 6 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Wells, \$680; house, \$150; installation, \$220; pump, motor, and transformers, \$1,950; complete plant, \$3,000.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 4 acres of alfalfa and as demonstration pumping plant for Merced Colony. Will be used to irrigate all crops on a ranch of 174 acres.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on October 18, 1910.

Current used, kilowatt-hours per hour, 28 (owner's record for season).

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 2,160.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Motor, 1,160; pump, 550 (catalogue speed, 550).

Head: 5-foot lift; 23-foot suction. Total static head, 28 feet.

Remarks.—This plant operates with only fair efficiency, and though the pump is apparently speeded properly the discharge is far below the catalogue capacity. There were some indications of air leakage in the suction pipe, but the cause of the poor results was not ascertained with certainty. Electric current was obtained at the rate of 3 cents per kilowatt-hour delivered. The plant costs were high in 1910, but with increase in area irrigated as proposed will be reduced to reasonable amounts.

23. W. R. GIRARD, MERCED, CAL. (1910).

Location.—Lot 185, Merced Colony; SW. 4 sec. 32, T. 7 S., R. 14 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—10-horsepower General Electric Co. induction motor, 8½-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 5-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 14-inch pulley; catalogue capacity 600–700 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 12 inches by 235 feet, cased for about 50 feet; water 6 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Transformers, \$131; motor, \$209; pump and accessories, including digging pit and installing pump and motor, \$206; building, \$50; well and casing, \$174; miscellaneous supplies and labor, \$38; complete plant, \$808.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 18 acres of alfalfa.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a 1-hour test of the plant on October 18, 1910.

Current used, kilowatt-hours per hour, 8.6.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 630.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Motor, 1,160; pump, 700 (catalogue speed, 581).

Head: 3.5-foot lift; 16.5-foot suction. Total static head, 20 feet.

Remarks.—This plant was in good condition when tested. The pump is apparently slightly overspeeded but no reason for appreciable lack of efficiency was apparent. Nevertheless the recorded efficiency was very low. The record of current used, however, was taken from a meter reading without other tests and is probably too high. A meter reading of about 6 kilowatt-hours would have indicated a satisfactory efficiency.

24. S. M. PATE, MERCED, CAL. (1905).

Location.—NW. 4 sec. 21, T. 8 S., R. 13 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—15-horsepower Samson distillate engine, 28-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 6-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 12-inch pulley, catalogue capacity 800–1,000 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 12 inches in diameter; water 15 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Complete plant, estimated, \$760.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of several acres of alfalfa.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on October 19, 1910.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 765.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 231; pump, 547 (catalogue speed, 592).

Head: 9-foot lift; 21-foot suction. Total static head, 30 feet.

Remarks.—No measurement or owner's record of use of distillate could be obtained. The pump is slightly underspeeded and operates below economical capacity.

25. JESSE RODERIGS, MERCED, CAL. (1907).

Location.—NW. 4 sec. 10, T. 7 S., R. 13 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—12-horsepower Samson distillate engine, 24-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 6-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 12-inch pulley, catalogue capacity 800 to 1,000 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 10 to 7 inches by 84 feet, cased 71 feet; water 9 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Well and casing, \$68; building, \$66; complete plant, \$700.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 9 acres of grapes once, 16 acres of sweet potatoes once a week, and 3 acres of alfalfa five times.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a 1.5-hour test of the plant on October 20, 1910.

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 1.61.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 400.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 232; pump, 460 (catalogue speed, 575).

Head: 8-foot lift; 20-foot suction. Total static head, 28 feet.

Remarks.—During the latter part of the test the engine was speeded up to 256 revolutions per minute and the discharge increased to 450 gallons per minute with 4 feet additional draw down. The speed regulator on the engine was worn so that normal speed could not be maintained, the extra speed during the latter part of the test being secured by a temporary makeshift.

Though the pump is underspeeded it is apparently not producing the discharge that it should and probably needs careful overhauling. The engine is using an excess of distillate and leaks badly around the piston. The efficiency is low. The plant is too large for the owner's use as he states that the discharge is as great as he can take care of to advantage. An 8-horsepower engine and a 4-inch pump would be a much more suitable and economical installation for this plant.

26. A. L. SAYRE, MADERA, CAL.

Location.—SE. 4 sec. 31, T. 11 S., R. 18 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—50-horsepower electric motor, 16-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 10-inch Jackson horizontal centrifugal pump with 14-inch pulley, catalogue capacity 3,900 gallons per minute. Three wells, bored, 10 to 12 inches by 110 feet, uncased; water 19 feet below the general surface; pump installed in 1903; electric machinery in 1909.

Building cost.—Transformers, \$660; motor, \$550; wiring, etc., \$150; pump, about \$550; complete plant, \$3,000. A gas producer and gas engine costing \$2,800 formerly operated the plant but have been discarded for electric machinery.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 225 acres of vineyard once, and 450 acres of alfalfa five times, and 55 acres of hay and sorghum twice. Operated almost continuously from March or April to October.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a 3.5-hour test of the plant on October 21, supplemented by a brief test on October 23, 1910.

Current used: 36.6 kilowatt-hours per hour by meter measurement, equivalent to 49.0 horsepower.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 2,300.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Motor, 689; pump, 800 (catalogue speed, 650).

Head: 19.5-foot lift; 21.5-foot suction. Total static head, 41 feet. Suction head by gage, 22.5 inches of mercury or 25.5 feet; hence total head including friction is about 45 feet.

Remarks.—After the test on October 21 the owner protested that the measurement of water must be in error. Accordingly a second measurement was made on October 23 with essentially the same result. Every precaution was taken to insure accurate results, and there can be no serious doubt of the recorded flow. The pump is operated at excessive speed and should under these conditions give a discharge of more than 3,000 gallons per minute, but presumably on account of wear and great suction lift the actual discharge does not exceed 2,300 gallons per minute. As the plant is operated almost continuously throughout the irrigation season to water a large area the unit costs are low. The water-right charge or building cost amount to only \$7.50 per acre and the cost of operation and maintenance, including depreciation, renewals, and repairs, amounts to only \$3.60 per acre, or \$1.50 per acre-foot of water pumped. Irrigation can scarcely fail to be profitable on such terms even with crops of relatively small value.

This plant had a larger discharge than any other tested and was so operated as to give irrigation costs that could be compared favorably with those of any other plant in the valley working under similar conditions as to head and rate charged for power.

27. H. W. PATTERSON, BORDEN, CAL.

Location.—SW. 4 sec. 8, T. 12 S., R. 18 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—42-horsepower steam traction engine, 40.5-inch pulley; belt-connected to an 8-inch Jackson horizontal centrifugal pump with 15.5-inch pulley, catalogue capacity, 1,600 gallons per minute. Wells, bored, 10 inches by 96 feet and 10 inches by 134 feet; water 22 feet below the surface. Reservoir with earth embankments and capacity of about 1,000,000 gallons, used to collect water pumped at night; pump installed in 1904; engine purchased in 1909.

Building cost.—Complete plant, \$3,500.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 30 acres of orchard twice, 50 acres of alfalfa four times, and 40 acres of corn and barley once.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on October 24, 1910.

Consumption of crude oil, gallons per hour, 14.00 (owner's record from test run of 15.5 hours).

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 1,320.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 229; pump, 588 (catalogue speed, 695).

Head: 19.5-foot lift, 20.5-foot suction (19 inches by gage). Total static head, 41 feet. Remarks.—This is one of the few steam pumping plants remaining in the valley and the only one tested. The costs are not materially different from those for distillate or electric plants under similar conditions, but the additional attention required in the operation of a steam plant is responsible for its general unpopularity.

The pump is underspeeded and produces a relatively low discharge.

28. S. W. SKAGGS, BORDEN, CAL. (1907-8).

Location.—SE. 4 sec. 6, T. 12 S., R. 18 E., Mount Diable base and meridian.

Plant.—30-horsepower Samson distillate engine, 46-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 6-inch Price horizontal centrifugal pump with 10-inch pulley. Wells, bored, 112 and 186 feet in depth, cased; water 14 to 18 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Complete plant, \$3,200.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 60 acres of alfalfa three times. (First two waterings in season given from gravity supply.)

Test.—The following results were obtained during a 2-hour test of the plant on October 24, 1912.

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 3.8.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 780.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 204; pump, 905.

Head: 16-foot lift, 25.5-foot suction (by gage). Total static head about 42 feet.

Remarks.—The engine was using an excessive amount of distillate and the efficiency is in consequence low. Great suction lift probably also contributes to the low efficiency. The building and operation and maintenance costs are reasonable.

29. WALTERS BROS., MADERA, CAL. (1903).

Location.—Sec. 32, T. 11 S., R. 18 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—45-horsepower Hercules distillate engine, 70.5-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 7-inch California (Krogh) horizontal centrifugal pump with 20-inch pulley. Wells, bored, 10 inches by 104 feet, cased, and 10 inches by 174 feet, cased to 134 feet; water 22 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Complete plant, \$3,500, including \$500 for pump pit.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 50 acres of alfalfa four times; 35 acres of vineyard once, and 15 acres of hay and barley twice, at the rate of 0.35 acre per hour.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on October 25, 1910.

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour: 4.00 (from owner's statement, no accurate measurement being obtainable).

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 1,900.

Speed, revolution per minute: Engine, 162; pump, 565.

Head: Lift, 21 feet; suction, 25.5 feet (by gage). Total static head about 46 feet.

Remarks.—The efficiency of this plant appears to be very high but both use of distillate and discharge are open to question. The plant is well operated and gives good results as to cost when the head is considered.

30. VALLE-VERDE INVESTMENT CO., FRESNO, CAL. (1909).

Location.—Near Mendota, Cal., in sec. 2, T. 14 S., R. 14 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—75-horsepower Samson vertical 3-cylinder distillate engine, 40-inch pulley; belt-connected to an 8-inch Jackson double-suction vertical centrifugal pump with 13-inch pulley; catalogue capacity, 1,600 gallons per minute. Wells, bored, 12 inches by 380 feet and 450 feet, cased and 80 feet of casing perforated; 9.6 inches by 414 feet, cased and 80 feet of casing perforated and wrapped spirally with wire of triangular cross section; water 52 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Complete plant, \$6,500, including \$1,500 for the two 12-inch wells and \$1,800 for the third well.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 2 acres of alfalfa eight times, 6 acres of broom corn twice, 40 acres of Egyptian corn twice, 10 acres of Kaffir corn three times, and a half acre of garden twelve times.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on October 27, 1910.

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 7.27.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 1,080.

Head: 51-foot lift; 31-foot suction (by gage). Total static head about 82 feet.

Remarks.—This plant is the only one on the "west side" that was tested. The depth to water is over 50 feet and the flow of water, occurring in fine sand, is not free. The two wells without special casing give a comparatively small flow because of clogging with sand. The third well gives much better results, being fitted with a special screen such as is described by Bowman.\(^1\) After all, however, the suction head is excessive and accounts for the fairly low efficiency of the plant and the small discharge of the pump.

The building cost of the plant is about \$34 per acre of land that it will irrigate, though with the small area now watered the cost is over \$100 per acre. The cost of operation and maintenance is now about \$8.40 per acre-foot of water pumped but could be reduced to \$4.10 per acre-foot if operated for the irrigation of a larger area. The costs, even under the best conditions, must be a relatively high proportion of the value of ordinary crops raised and every care should be taken to secure economy in the operation of such a plant if it is to be used successfully.

31. ROSEDALE WATER CO., PORTERSVILLE, CAL. (1897).

Location.—Sec. 3, T. 22 S., R. 28 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—20-horsepower Westinghouse induction motor; direct-connected to a 4-inch California (Krogh) horizontal centrifugal pump. Wells located adjacent to and on both sides of Tule River as follows: Dug well 28 feet deep; bored well 12 inches by 35 feet; shaft or dug well 18 feet deep. Wells connected by tunnel or piping.

Building cost.—Complete plant estimated, \$1,300, not including extensive system

for water delivery.

Use in 1910.—Operated continuously from April to October 15 for four and five waterings of 22 citrus orchards aggregating 177 acres in area.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 3, 1910.

Current used, horsepower, 23.00 (from power company's bill), equivalent to 17.15 kilowatt-hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 565.

Speed, of motor and pump, revolutions per minute, 1,125.

Head: 74-foot lift; 5-foot suction. Total static head, 79 feet.

Remarks.—This plant is owned and operated in cooperation by 22 orchardists. Each pays to the cooperative organization 50 cents per hour for the time that water is supplied by the plant to his lands. In this manner all receive irrigation water much more economically than if each owned a plant for his own exclusive use. Being operated continuously throughout the irrigation season the cost of pumping water amounts to less than \$2.50 per acre-foot even though the head is 79 feet. The wells are located on the edge of Tule River and generally give a full supply of water with little drawdown. The water level fluctuates considerably during the season, however, and the plant can not be run at full capacity at all times. The water is pumped through 900 feet of 12-inch pipe to the highest land to be irrigated and then flows in open cement flumes to the various orchards.

32. D. C. SETTLEMIRE, PORTERSVILLE, CAL. (1910

Location.—SW. ½ sec. 12, T. 22 S., R. 27 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—12-horsepower Fairbanks-Morse distillate engine; belt-connected to a

Downie geared double pump head. Well, bored, 12 inches by 180 feet; water 33 feet
below the surface.

¹ Bowman, Isaiah, Well-drilling methods: U. S. Geol, Survey Water-Supply Paper 257, p. 98, 1911.

Building cost.—Complete plant, \$2,500.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 9 acres of young orange trees and small garden five times. Will be utilized for irrigation of about 40 acres.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 3, 1910:

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 1.00 (owner's record, no satisfactory measurement being obtainable).

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 165.

Speed: Engine, 264 revolutions per minute (66 explosions); pump, strokes per minute, 32.

Head: Cylinder, 100 feet below pump head. Total static head, about 50 feet.

Remarks.—The test of this plant was not wholly satisfactory. The pump was evidently discharging far below its rated capacity and the engine working on a very light load. The efficiency was consequently low. The small discharge could be explained satisfactorily by a worn-out or clogged valve or other similar condition at the cylinder.

Under the conditions of operation in 1910 the costs of irrigation were excessive. With the pump in good condition and the entire 40-acre tract irrigated, however, the costs would be reasonable.

33. G. A. MARTIN, PORTERSVILLE, CAL. (1908).

Location.—SE. 4 sec. 12, T. 22 S., R. 27 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—3-horsepower Fairbanks-Morse induction motor; belt-connected to a single-action Krogh pump head with 19-inch stroke. Well, bored, 10 inches by 100 feet; water 60 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Complete plant, \$900.

 $Use\ in\ 1910.$ —Irrigation of 7 acres of oranges and 3 acres of garden truck five times at the rate of 0.042 to 0.037 acre per hour.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 4, 1910:

Current used, 3.3-horsepower (from power company's bill), equivalent to 2.46 kilowatt-hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 38.3.

Speed: Motor, revolutions per minute, 1,800; pump, strokes per minute, 21.

Head: Cylinder, 94 feet below the pump. Total static head, about 70 feet.

Remarks.—The efficiency of this plant is very low, but, aside from the small size of the machinery, no poor working conditions were apparent. The costs, though high, are no doubt warranted by the relatively high returns from citrus culture.

34. R. W. JOB, PORTERSVILLE, CAL. (1910).

Location.—NE. 4 sec. 13, T. 22 S., R. 27 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—15-horsepower General Electric induction motor; belt-connected to a No. 3 double-action straight-line deep-well pump with 30-inch stroke. Well, bored, 12 inches by 285 feet; water 80 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Pump and motor, \$2,400; well, \$900; complete plant, \$3,500.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 80 acres of young orange trees five to six times.

 $\it Test.$ —The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 4, 1910:

Current used, 15.32-horsepower (from power company's bill), equivalent to 11.43 kilowatt-hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 210.

Speed: Motor, 1,185 revolutions per minute; pump, 16.5 strokes per minute.

Head: Cylinder, 120 feet below the pump. Total static head, about 140 feet.

Remarks.—This plant operates with satisfactory efficiency, and the costs of irrigation are reasonable for citrus culture.

35. BLACHERNE WATER CO., PORTERSVILLE, CAL. (1907).

Location.—SE, 4 sec. 23, T. 21 S., R. 27 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—15-horsepower Westinghouse induction motor; belt-connected to a No. 30 power head Ames deep-well pump with 24-inch stroke. Well, bored, 10 inches by 112 feet; water about 60 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Pump, motor, etc., \$2,325; well and 12 acres of land, \$1.200; complete pumping plant, about \$3,500; complete system, including pumping plant, 1,200 feet of 8-inch wood-stave pipe, about 6,600 feet of cement flume, and 12 acres of land, \$4,800.

Use in 1910.—Operated practically continuously from April to October, inclusive, for the irrigation of 45 acres of oranges.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 5, 1910:

Current used, 16.00 horsepower (from power company's bills), equivalent to 11.9 kilowatt-hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 172.

Speed: Motor, 1,133 revolutions per minute; pump, 22 strokes per minute.

Head: 80 feet below and 125 feet above the power head. Total static head about 205 feet.

Remarks.—This plant pumps water through 1,200 feet of 8-inch wood-stave pipe to a hill crest from which it flows through about 6,600 feet of cement flume to five citrus orchards aggregating 45 acres. The plant is owned and operated by a cooperative stock company, the stockholders being owners of the lands irrigated. Each irrigator is assessed \$2 per acre per month for water service. The stave pipe leaks appreciably, but the plant, nevertheless, shows high efficiency. The costs of operation, though high per acre of land irrigated on account of the great lift, are warranted by the value of the citrus-fruit production.

36. HILO PUMP, PORTERSVILLE, CAL. (1904).

Location.—NW. 4 sec. 23, T. 21 S., R. 27 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—30-horsepower Westinghouse induction motor; direct-connected to a 4-inch Price horizontal centrifugal pump. Well, bored, 12 inches by 165 feet, water 30 feet below the surface.

Building costs.—Complete plant, \$3,500.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 100 acres of citrus orchards.

Tests.—The following results were obtained during tests on the high and low lifts on November 5, 1910:

Current used, 30.10 horsepower (from power company's bills), equivalent to 22.5 kilowatt-hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute: High lift, 410; low lift, 383.

Speed: Motor and pump, 868 revolutions per minute.

Head: 92-foot (high) lift; 25.5-foot (low) lift; 25-foot suction. Total static head, 117 feet (high) and 50 feet (low).

Remarks.—This plant pumps water for a small area under the low lift at the pumping plant and for 90 or more acres under the high lift through 700 feet of 12-inch woodstave pipe to a cement ditch from which distribution is made to the several orchards. An assessment of \$1.75 per acre per month is made for water service. Among the expenses of operation are the wages at \$22.50 per month of a superintendent, who operates the plant and distributes the water. The efficiency of the plant is good and the costs are reasonable for the lift.

37. COPO DE ORO WATER CO., PORTERSVILLE, CAL.

Location.—SW. 4 sec. 14, T. 21 S., R. 27 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—30-horsepower Westinghouse motor; belt-connected to a double plunger Ames pump head, 11-inch cylinder, 28-inch stroke. Well, dug 60 feet, then tunneled and drilled in rock to about 150 feet water enters about 50 and 150 feet and stands 20 to 30 feet below surface.

Building cost.—Complete plant, \$6,000.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of citrus orchards. Water users charged \$1 per hour for use of plant.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 5, 1910:

Current used: 23.00 horsepower (from power company's bill), equivalent to 17.15 kilowatt-hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute; 237.

Speed: Motor, revolutions per minute, 893; pump, 25 strokes per minute.

Head: Cylinder 60 feet below the pump. Total static head about 147 feet.

Remarks.—This plant is located in the center of an area of citrus orchards in a narrow depression between two hills. The location is not favorable for an abundant water supply. Water is pumped through about 1,000 feet of pressure pipe to a concrete flume on the hillside at the upper edge of the citrus orchards. The flume is well constructed and carries the water perhaps a mile to the most distant orchard irrigated. A new plant more favorably located for water supply has been built by the company but was not in operation when visited. Detailed operation statistics were not available.

38. SUNNYSIDE WATER CO., PORTERSVILLE, CAL.

Location.—SW. 4 sec. 14, T. 21 S., R. 27 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—50-horsepower Westinghouse motor; belt-connected to two No. 30 power-head Ames double plunger pumps with 24-inch stroke. Three wells, bored, 12 inches by 100 to 150 feet; water 30 to 50 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Complete plant, \$6,000 (?).

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of orange orchard five times.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 5, 1910.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 547.

Speed: Motor, revolutions per minute, 898; pump, 22 strokes per minute.

Head: Cylinder 100 feet below the pump. Total static head, about 180 feet.

Remarks.—Only meager information as to this plant could be secured at the time the brief test was made.

39. J. H. LEACH, PORTERSVILLE, CAL.

Location.—SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 23, T. 21 S., R. 27 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—2-horsepower vertical Fairbanks-Morse distillate engine; belt-connected to a 2-inch Price horizontal centrifugal pump. Well, bored, 6 inches by 80 feet; water 10 feet below surface.

Building cost.—Engine, \$120; pump, \$35; well, \$75; complete plant, \$250.

 U_{Se} in 1910.—As auxiliary to gravity supply for 3 acres of garden, about 300 hours aggregate run.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant November 7, 1910:

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 0.15.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 23.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 400 (87 explosions); pump, 1,060.

Head: 4-foot lift; 19-foot suction. Total static head, 23 feet.

Remarks.—This is a fair type of the small plant suitable for use in truck gardens. The suction pipe was evidently leaking air somewhat and the efficiency was low. Nevertheless the plant was doing good service as an auxiliary to a gravity water supply. A renewal of the suction pipe would probably be required to place it on an efficient working basis.

40. J. J. ANDERSON, PORTERSVILLE, CAL. (1910).

Location.—Sec. 23, T. 21 S., R. 27 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—6-horsepower Victor vertical distillate engine; belt-connected to a 6-inch Jackson horizontal centrifugal pump, catalogue capacity 400 gallons per minute. Well bored to 90 feet but filled to 43 feet depth.

Building cost.—Engine and pump, \$400; complete plant, \$500.

Use in 1910.—Supplement to gravity supply on 17.5 acres of orchard and garden. Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 7, 1910:

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 0.92 (owner's record).

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 406.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 370.

Head: 9-foot lift; 22-foot suction. Total static head, 31.

Remarks.—This plant was installed in July, 1910, and used successfully during the season as a supplement to a gravity supply. The plant was unhoused and not in the best of condition. A loose belt caused excess of slip and consequent loss of efficiency. Pump speed could not be measured. The cost per acre, though high, is not unreasonable.

41. BADGER IRRIGATION CO., NEAR EXETER, CAL.

This plant is especially noteworthy for the high lifts. Three primary pumping plants lift the water from wells for the irrigation of low lands and to a reservoir from which a fourth plant lifts it to supply laterals at elevations of 66, 200, 247, 300, and 412 feet above the pumps. The maximum irrigation lift is about 490 feet. As originally planned there were laterals at elevations of 530 and 586 feet above the level of the pumps, but these were abandoned. An orange orchard of 190 acres is irrigated by the system, which is reported by the company to have cost \$18,000. The irrigation season is about five and a half months, including parts of April and October.

The following data as to the primary plants were furnished by the company:

- 1. 7.5-horsepower, type C, Westinghouse induction motor, operating at 110 volts; 6-inch Jackson horizontal centrifugal pump (catalogue capacity 400 gallons per minute).
- 2. 15-horsepower, type C, Westinghouse induction motor, operating at 110 volts; Hooker double-acting deep-well pump.
- 3. 7.5-horsepower, type C, Westinghouse induction motor, operating at 110 volts; W. T. Garrett single-acting deep-well pump.

The three plants use about 28.4 horsepower and supply about 2 second-feet of water. The fourth or high-lift plant is equipped with a 75-horsepower, type C, Westing. house induction motor operating at 2,000 volts and two W. T. Garrett double-acting triplex pumps. These pumps are reported to give a discharge of 1.5 second-feet at all lifts up to the 300-foot level and 1 second-foot at the 412-foot level. The pulley arrangement is such that speeds suitable to the various lifts may be given to the pumps.

The cost of irrigation is necessarily very high with a plant operating under such an unusual head, but it appears to be warranted by the returns from the citrus crops grown. The company officials state that they are satisfied with the results obtained.

42. TOM POGUE, EXETER, CAL (1909).

Location.—SE. 4 sec. 2, T. 19 S., R. 26 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—5-horsepower General Electric induction motor, operating at 220 volts; belt-connected to a Garrett single-acting deep well pump, 8-inch cylinder. Well bored 12 inches by 112 feet, water 36 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Pump, \$540; well, \$100; complete plant, \$1,400.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of garden, orchard, and alfalfa.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 9, 1910:

Current used: 5.05 horsepower (from power company's bill), equivalent to 3.8 kilowatt-hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 179.

Speed: Motor, revolutions per minute, 1,167; pump strokes per minute, 29.

Head: Cylinder 60 feet below the pump; lift 13 feet. Total static head, about 60 feet.

Remarks.—This plant was giving satisfactory results.

43. P. W. PRESTON, EXETER, CAL. (1907).

Location.—E. 1 NW. 1 sec. 2, T. 19 S., R. 26 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—10-horsepower Fairbanks-Morse distillate engine, 39-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 4-inch Price horizontal centrifugal pump with 8-inch pulley. Well, bored, 8 inches by 90 feet in pit 35 feet deep; water 36 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Engine, \$550; pump and pipe, \$151; well and pit, \$200; complete plant, \$1.000.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 26 acres of citrus fruits.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a 2-hour test of the plant on November 9, 1910:

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 1.00 (approximate).

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 320.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 274 (105 explosions); pump, 1,320.

Head: 37-foot lift; 14-foot suction. Total static head, 51 feet.

Remarks.—This plant was giving good service. It is of sufficient capacity to irrigate a considerably larger area than it serves, but the cost per acre is warranted for citrus culture.

44. L. W. SHAW, EXETER, CAL. (1910).

Location.—W. ½ SW. ¼ SE. ¼ sec. 35, T. 18 S., R. 26 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—8-horsepower Samson distillate engine, 28-inch pulley; belt-connected to a 3½-inch Samson horizontal centrifugal pump with 7-inch pulley, catalogue capacity of 250–300 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 10 inches by 90 feet; water 36 feet below the surface.

Building cost.—Well, \$300; complete plant, \$1,000.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 15 acres of oranges and about 4 acres of alfalfa. About 800 gallons of distillate used.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 9, 1910:

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 0.875.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 220.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 263; pump, 1,004.

Head: 31-foot lift; 24-foot suction. Total static head, 55 feet.

Remarks.—The efficiency of this plant was only fair. The pump was underspeeded, but even under this condition the water was drawn down so far as to create a rather

large suction head. The machinery was apparently in good condition, the faults of the plant being in design. The pump is too high above the water level and the pulley size not in proper ratio.

45. MR. BRISCOE, LINDSAY, CAL. (1910).

Location.—NE. 4 sec. 30, T. 19 S., R. 27 E., Mount Diable base and meridian.

Plant.—3-horsepower General Electric induction motor direct-connected to a 2-inch type B Krogh horizontal centrifugal pump, catalogue capacity of 100 gallons per minute. Well, bored, 10 inches by 80 feet, filled up to 54-foot depth.

Building cost.—Pump and motor, \$425; well, \$300; complete plant, \$900.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 0, 1910:

Current used: 3.59 horsepower (from power company's bill), equivalent to 2.68 kilowatt hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 116.

Speed, revolutions per minute, 1,800.

Head: 28-foot lift; 18-foot suction. Total static head, 46 feet.

Remarks.—The power consumption at this plant is unreasonably high, with consequent low efficiency. The cause of excessive power use was not apparent.

43. O. S. GARD, LINDSAY, CAL.

Location.—NW. 4 sec. 31, T. 19 S., R. 27 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—3-horsepower Bullock motor direct-connected to a 2-inch Eclipse horizontal centrifugal pump. Well. bored, 10 inches by 77 feet; pit 32 feet deep.

Building cost.—Complete plant, \$350.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 20 acres of oranges with four months' steady operation.

 $\mathit{Test.}$ —The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 10, 1910:

Current used: 3.47 horsepower (from power company's bill), equivalent to 2.59 kilowatt hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 72.

Speed, revolutions per minute, 1,700.

Head: 10-foot lift; 30-foot suction. Total static head, 40 feet.

Remarks.—The pump and motor were installed so that they could be raised or lowered by sliding in a frame. When tested the pump and motor had been raised nearly
to the surface for the winter and was practically out of commission. The suction head
was therefore very great and the indicated efficiency of the plant low. The test does
not show what the plant could do under normal conditions.

47. HILL PLANT OF DR. C. B. ROOT, LINDSAY, CAL.

Locations.—NE. 4 sec. 6, T. 20 S., R. 27 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.— $7\frac{1}{2}$ -horsepower Westinghouse type C induction motor; belt-connected to a double-acting Whitmer deep-well pump. Well, bored, 203 feet deep; water, 60 feet below the surface. Discharge through 750 feet of 4-inch pipe.

Building cost.—Well, \$200; complete plant, \$1,500.

Use in 1910.—In conjunction with plant No. 48, used for the irrigation of 70 acres of oranges.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 10, 1910:

Current used: 7.44 horsepower (from power company's bill), equivalent to 5.55 kilowatt-hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 96.

 98205° —wsp 398—16——11

Speed: Motor, revolutions per minute, 1,143; pump, strokes per minute, 32.

Head: 75 feet above and about 75 feet below the power head. Total static head 150 feet.

Remarks.—This plant has been in use several years and has given reasonably satisfactory service throughout.

48. LOW-LEVEL PLANT OF DR. C. B. ROOT, LINDSAY, CAL.

Location.—NE. 4 sec. 6, T. 20 S., R. 27 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.— $7\frac{1}{2}$ -horsepower Westinghouse type C induction motor; belt-connected to a double-cylinder, single-plunger Garrett deep-well pump. Well, bored, 201 feet deep.

Building cost.—Well, \$500; complete plant, \$1,500.

Use in 1910.—In conjunction with plant No. 47, used for the irrigation of 70 acres of oranges.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 10, 1910:

Current used: 7.92 horsepower (from power company's bill), equivalent to 5.91 kilowatt-hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 161.

Speed: Motor, revolutions per minute: 1,165; pump strokes per minute, 28.

Head: 25 feet above and about 75 feet below the power head. Total static head 100 feet.

Remarks.—This is a well-kept plant that gives satisfactory results. The pumped water is distributed through cement pipe.

49. ROEDING & WOOD NURSERY CO., EXETER, CAL. (1909).

Location.—NE. 4 sec. 14, T. 19 S., R. 26 E., Mount Diable base and meridian.

Plant.—40-horsepower Western distillate engine; belt-connected to a No. 28 power head, single-acting Pomona deep-well pump. Well, bored, 15 inches by 100 feet; cylinder 68 feet down; 86 feet to main aquifer.

Building cost.—Engine and pump, \$3,370; building, \$250; well, \$500. Complete plant about \$4,120, exclusive of iron-pipe line nearly a mile long.

Use in 1910.—For irrigation of 13 acres of alfalfa and 5 acres of citrus nursery at plant and about 160 acres of olives and nursery at high levels; being used as supplement to gravity supply on 100 acres of this area.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 11, 1910.

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 1.50.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 393.

Speed: Engine, revolutions per minute, 224 (28 explosions); pump, strokes per minute, 18.

Head: 5 feet above and 38 feet below the pump head. Total static head, 43 feet.

Remarks.—The plant is designed for operation under widely differing conditions. At the plant about 25 acres, chiefly in alfalfa and nursery trees, is to be irrigated. The greater part of the irrigable area, however, is located at the edge of the foothills, nearly a mile distant. The owners report that at the end of 3,760 feet of 7½-inch pipe the total head, including friction, is 173.5 feet, and the pump delivers 1.03 second-feet against this head when the engine uses 2.75 gallons per hour of distillate. An additional 1,000 feet of pipe carries the water to a level 150 feet higher, where about 0.5 second-foot can be delivered. The test made was on the lowest lift, where the operation would be least economical.

50, LAUREL COLONY, TULARE, CAL. (1903).

Location.—Sec. 36, T. 19 S., R. 23 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—10-horsepower Westinghouse type C induction motor, direct-connected to a 6-inch Krogh California centrifugal pump. Well, bored, 10 inches by 465 feet.

Building cost.-Well, \$1,800; machinery, \$1,000; complete plant, \$3,000.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 320 acres, chiefly alfalfa land.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 14, 1910:

Current used: 14.00 horsepower, equivalent to 40.4 kilowatt-hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 910.

Speed, revolutions per minute, 1,100.

Head: Lift, 10 feet; suction, 20 feet. Total statit head 30 feet.

Remarks.—This plant is noteworthy for the relatively high cost of the well. It is located in an artesian belt and the water rises within 1.5 feet of the surface. Flowing wells are not unusual in the locality. The plant is operated for the benefit of several settlers. The costs per acre are low, the capacity duty being about 1 second-foot to 160 acres. The motor is run at considerable overload. A second plant of about the same size would be required to produce maximum yields from the entire area covered.

51. DR. M. S. CHARLES, TULARE, CAL. (1910).

Location.—Sec. 4, T. 20 S., R. 24 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—3-horsepower Westinghouse type CCL induction motor; belt-connected to a 2-inch Golden West horizontal centrifugal pump. Well, bored, 5 inches by 70 feet.

Building cost.—Motor and transformer \$210; complete plant, including 460 feet of 4-inch pipe, \$518.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 32 acres of garden and alfalfa land.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 15, 1910:

Current used: 4.5 horsepower (from company's test) equivalent to 3.36 kilowatthours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 135.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Motor, 1,702; pump, about 1,490.

Head: 9-foot lift; 16-foot suction. Total static head, 25 feet.

Remarks.—The apparent efficiency of this plant is very low. The machinery was new and the installation seemed to be first class. The consumption of power had been tested by the company shortly before test on November 15. A ground on the electric circuit or an obstruction in the discharge pipe would seem to be the most likely difficulties.

52. G. H. HAUSCHILDT, TULARE, CAL.

Location.—Sec. 5, T. 20 S., R. 24 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—3-horsepower Westinghouse type CCL induction motor, direct-connected to a 3-inch Krogh California horizontal centrifugal pump. Well, bored, 10 inches by 850 feet.

Building cost.—Well, \$1,480; complete plant, \$2,020.

Use in 1910.—Irrigated 40 acres of alfalfa four times with about 6 inches of water.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 16, 1910:

Current-used: 3.42 horsepower (from power company's bill), equivalent to 2.55 kilowatt-hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 180.

Speed, revolutions per minute, 1,700.

Head: 10-foot lift; 19-foot suction. Total static head, 29 feet.

Remarks.—Discharge is through 150 feet of 6-inch wood-stave pipe to a 0.5-acre reservoir, which is used to store water at night and afford a larger irrigation head.

53. F. S. McADAMS, TULARE, CAL. (1910).

Location.—SW. 4 sec. 13, T. 20 S., R. 23 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—10-horsepower General Electric induction motor; direct-connected to a 5-inch Price horizontal centrifugal pump. Well, bored, 12 inches by 163 feet; cased. Building cost.—Well, \$325; complete plant, \$845.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 90 acres of alfalfa. Planned to irrigate 120 acres. Operated continuously from April to August 1.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 18, 1910:

Current used: 9.7 horsepower (10.25 horsepower from power company's bill).

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 720.

Speed, revolutions per minute, 1,172.

Head: 6-foot lift; 22-foot suction. Total static head 28 feet.

Remarks.—This is one of the better class plants and is operated so as to give relatively low costs per acre irrigated.

54. W. J. McADAMS, TULARE, CAL. (1909).

Location.—SW. 4 sec. 18, T. 20 S., R. 24 E., Mount Diablo base and meridian.

Plant.—15-horsepower Westinghouse type CCL induction motor, direct-connected to a 7-inch Price horizontal centrifugal pump. Wells, bored, 12 inches in diameter, one 90 feet and the other 127 feet in depth.

Building cost.—Pump and motor, \$750; complete plant, \$1,400.

Use in 1910.—Irrigation of 200 acres of alfalfa. Operated continuously for 6 months. Additional area of 40 acres being prepared for irrigation.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 18, 1910:

Current used: 19.21 horsepower (from power company's bill), equivalent to 14.34 kilowatt-hours per hour.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 1,450 (approximately).

Speed, revolutions per minute, 846.

Head: 10-foot lift; 19-foot suction. Total static head, 29 feet.

Remarks.—This plant is typical of the best practice for irrigation of alfalfa.

55. L. G. MARTIN, TULARE, CAL. (1910).

Location.—NW. ½ sec. 18, T. 20 S., R. 24 E., Mount Diable base and meridian.

Plant.—10-horsepower Alamo distillate engine, 24-inch pulley, belt-connected to a 5-inch Price horizontal centrifugal pump, 8.5-inch pulley. Well, bored, 12 inches by 110 feet.

Building cost.—Well, \$220; engine and pump, \$650; complete plant, \$900.

Use in 1910.—Installed in late summer and used for watering stock and irrigating 40 acres of alfalfa. Will be used for irrigation of 80 acres of alfalfa.

Test.—The following results were obtained during a test of the plant on November 18, 1910:

Consumption of distillate, gallons per hour, 1.45.

Water pumped, gallons per minute, 695.

Speed, revolutions per minute: Engine, 264; pump, 695.

Head: 9-foot lift; 17-foot suction. Total static head, 26 feet.

Remarks.—This is a new plant and the operation shows rather low efficiency. The vacuum gage showed loss of head in the suction pipe, probably due to some obstruction.

TABULATED RESULTS OF PUMPING TESTS.

In Table 34 the data derived from the preceding pumping plant tests and information collected at the time the tests were made are assembled so as to present in concise form the chief factors of engineering interest in each case.

The number in the first column corresponds to the number used in

the description of each plant and its test.

The second and third columns give the discharge in gallons per minute and in second-feet, generally as determined by test, though in a few specified cases as reported by the owner or operator of the plant.

The fourth column, of drawdown, shows the extent to which the water level in the wells was lowered during the tests. Generally about 20 minutes was required to reduce the water level to an elevation that remained constant thereafter with uniform discharge from

the plant.

The capacity of the well (column 5) is derived from the third and fourth columns, being the discharge in second-feet divided by the drawdown in feet. This capacity is only an average figure, however, as each succeeding foot of drawdown probably causes an increasingly greater yield of the well.

The total static head represents the difference in elevation between the water level in the well during operation and the level at which

the water is discharged from the pumping plant.

The useful water horsepower is derived from the discharge and the total static head, being the discharge in pounds per second (the discharge in second-feet × 62.3) multiplied by the total static head in feet, divided by 550 (the number of foot-pounds per second in one horsepower).

The column giving the length of irrigation season in days is based on what information could be secured as to the customary period during which crops were irrigated in the several localities examined.

In the ninth column is shown in terms of days of continuous operation the length of time the plants were operated in 1910. Comparison of this column with that preceding indicates that in general the plants were operated for only a small part of the irrigating season. This shows one of the principal sources of the high cost of irrigation by pumping, for the fixed costs on a pumping plant that is lying idle mount up rapidly and result in a high cost per acre actually irrigated.

The columns giving capacity of plant show respectively the amounts of water that could be delivered if the plants were operated 80 per cent of the irrigation season, and the amounts that were actually delivered in 1910. These columns show, like columns 8 and 9, that the large proportion of the time that the plants are idle is a principal factor in making the cost of pumping higher than is necessary.

The figures of column 12, giving the acreage irrigable with maximum draft of 1 second-foot to 80 acres, is obtained from the figures in column 3, the actual discharge in second-feet. The acreages actually irrigated in 1910 are given in column 13.

Column 14, giving the duty of water in 1910 (obtained from the figures of columns 11 and 13), is of principal interest in showing the variation in irrigation practice among individual ranchers. The figures also indicate roughly the amount of water actually delivered

to the land for irrigation.

The item of fuel oil has been expressed in three ways—the amount of fuel oil (distillate) used per hour by the engines tested and the corresponding costs per day and per useful water horsepower per day. The cost of fuel oil was taken as the cost delivered at the plants and ranged from 8 cents to 13 cents per gallon of distillate in various parts of the valley. In the lower part of the table under the same columns the electric power consumed at motor-driven plants is shown. In general these plants were not provided with meters and no means for testing power consumption were available. The results shown, therefore, are taken in most instances from power companies' bills. It is the custom of the power companies to test the plants from one to three times during the irrigation season and to charge for power used on the basis of the maximum amount consumed during their tests.

The figures of the building cost represent the cost of the completed pumping plants. The total costs are based on the most reliable information obtainable, including statements of owners and of the companies installing the machinery. From these total costs the cost per acre with maximum draft of 1 second-foot to 80 acres and the cost per acre irrigated in 1910 are obtained from the correspond-

ing columns of the area irrigable.

The annual cost of depreciation, renewals, and repairs is based on the assumption that for a distillate plant these costs will amount to 15 per cent per year on the cost of the machinery and for a motor-driven plant to 8 per cent per year on the cost of the machinery. These values, if anything, are lower than the actual and do not depend very largely on the amount of use given the plant during the year, for the depreciation of machinery may be as great during periods of nonuse as during periods of use; in other words a plant may "rust out" as quickly as it would "wear out." There is of course a considerable variation in the sum total represented by the three items, depending on the care given to the machinery. In order to make a comparison of the various plants, however, a uniform percentage was used throughout, though the actual cost of all the machinery was not exactly that recorded in the notes on the tests. The item of taxes was not included with the other fixed charges, since a reliable

value to be applied was not determined upon, but in other similar studies taxes have been figured as a per cent per year on the first cost.¹ Interest on the investment, another element of fixed charges, in the amount of 6 to 8 per cent on the first cost is also omitted from the items in the table.

In computing the annual cost of fuel (or current), labor, and lubrication, the fuel or current cost for the first column—involving 80 per cent continuous operation—is obtained from the figures of length of irrigation season in days and the fuel or current cost per 24 hours. For the fuel or current cost with operation as in 1910, the figures of continuous equivalent operation in days in 1910 and the fuel or current cost per 24 hours are used. To the costs of fuel alone thus obtained, 2 cents per hour of operation for distillate plants, 5 cents per hour for the steam plant, and 1 cent for motor-driven plants was added in order to cover the charges of labor and lubrication.

The figures of total annual cost of maintenance and operation are obtained from preceding data. The total costs are in each case the sum of the annual cost of fuel (or current), labor, lubrication, depreciation, renewals, and repairs. As has been previously stated, the items of taxes and interest on investment have not been included, but they probably would add an annual sum equal to about 7 to 9 per cent of the total building cost. The costs per acre are these total costs divided by the appropriate values for the area irrigable or irrigated. The costs per acre-foot of water pumped represent the total costs divided by the capacity of the plant in acre-feet per season. The total cost per acre-foot of water per foot of static head is the total cost per acre-foot of water pumped, divided by the static head.

The last column indicates the relative efficiency of the plants in percentages. To determine the figures in this column it was assumed that a gallon of distillate should produce 8 horsepower hours of energy in a plant of fairly good design. A comparison on this basis of the amount of fuel oil used with the useful water horsepower developed gives the efficiency. For example, in plant No. 1, 0.96 gallon of distillate per hour yielded 1.68 useful water horsepower, but on the basis of 1 gallon of distillate per hour to 8 useful water horsepower 0.96 gallon should yield 7.68 horsepower. The efficiency is therefore 1.68 divided by 7.68, or 22 per cent. For the steam plant it was assumed that 1 gallon of crude oil should produce 2.5 horsepower. Similarly, for motor-driven plants, comparison of the horsepower of electric energy used or paid for with the useful water horsepower developed gives the efficiency.

¹ Smith, G. E. P., Ground-water supply and irrigation in the Rillito Valley: Arizona Univ. Agr. Exper. Sta. Bull. 64, p. 209, 1910.

SUMMARY OF PUMPING TESTS.

The irrigator is sometimes apt to consider only the actual expenses of operation of a plant when figuring on the cost of pumping water. The cost of irrigation by pumping, however, includes properly both the cost of operation and all fixed charges, such as interest on the investment, depreciation, taxes, and repairs.

In the descriptions of the individual pumping plants tested, attention has in several instances been called to one or more of the specific factors that render the plant a relatively expensive source of water supply. In summarizing the results of the tests these factors may properly be mentioned again and their effects on the cost of irrigation emphasized.

Most of the pumping plants in San Joaquin Valley are well housed, but this important matter is not always properly attended to. rapid depreciation of pumping as well as other kinds of farm machinery if not taken care of is very real, and depreciation is an important

factor in the cost of irrigation water obtained from wells.

In the tabulated results of pumping tests the depreciation charge has been combined with those for renewals and repairs, the total of the three being taken as 15 per cent per year for distillate plants and 8 per cent per year for motor-driven plants. These figures are believed to be conservative, since in similar tests by others the depreciation charge alone for gasoline plants has been taken as from 10 to 12 or 15 per cent and for motor-driven plants as from 6 to 7 or 9 per cent. It will be noted that in the tabulated data summarizing the tests in San Joaquin Valley, interest and taxes have not been included with the other fixed charges. They probably should be taken as adding to these charges about 7 to 9 per cent per year on the value of the plant.

The tendency throughout the valley is to install pumping machinery capable of more work than is required of it. This custom may be in part attributable to the sellers of the machinery, who are of course desirous of making large sales; but the installation of large plants appears also to be followed as a matter of convenience in operation. The irrigator finds it easier to run a large pumping unit for a few hours than to accomplish the same amount of irrigation with a smaller plant requiring perhaps several days to supply the same acreage with The interest on the greater amount of capital tied up in the larger plant and the increased amount that must be charged to depreciation form very considerable items in the total annual cost of irrigation, however. In places where a larger plant has been installed

¹ Le Conte, J. N., and Tait, C. E., Mechanical tests of pumping plants in California: U. S. Dept. Agr. Office Exper. Sta. Bull. 181, pp. 51-52, 1907.

Smith, G. E. P., Ground-water supply and irrigation in the Rillito Valley: Arizona Univ. Agr. Exper. Sta. Bull. 64, p. 209, 1919.

	Annual eost of	Annua fuel (labor catio
	depre- ciation, renewals, and repairs.	With 80 per cen continu ous operation.
111121111122222235333444	\$48 54 49 96 115 128 64 153 81 100 200 37 37 100 39 180 96 81 210 250 350 98 285 25 25 60 105 106 46 46 46 46 46 46 46 46 46 4	\$24. 25. 20. 29. 42. 35. 37. 25. 29. 72. 21. 30. 24.
2	450	1,28
100005555555555	40 16 128 40 130 80 20 20 35 60 80 50 190 186	48 20 2,93 92 2,48 38 14 12 29 51 1,20 21 81 85 1,55
333 3 344444	240 800 70 36 16 70 70	1.20 3,55 30 23 22 42 44

elates to customary ease in fuel consum; by supply utilized di ent installed late in s

apply on 100 acres of ne raised for the wir pump is in its norm



	Ι		<u> </u>												Power.						Annual	cost of		To	tal annual	cost of mai	ntenance s	nd operati	on,		
	Disch	arge.		Capacity per well				Con-	Capacity (acre-le season)	et per	Area ir (acr		Distillate. Duty of water			I	Building co	st.	Annual cost of	fuel (or labor, a cation.	current), and lubri-	With 80 and m to 80 a	aximum d	ontinuous raft of 1 s	operation econd-foot	W	ith operat	ion as in 19	10.		
Test No.	Gallons per minute.	Second- feet.	Draw-down.	(second- foot per foot of draw- down).	Total static head.	Useful water horse- power.	Length of irri- gation season.	equiva- lent of opera- tion in 1910.	With 80 per cent continu- ous op- eration.	With operation as in 1910.	with maximum draft of 1 second- foot to 80 acres.		in 1910, acre- feet per acre.	Gallons per hour.	Cost per 24 hours.	Cost per 24 hours per use- ful water horse- power.	Total.	Cost per acre irrigable with maxi- mum draft of 1 second- foot to 80 acres.	Cost per ecre irrigated in 1910.	depre- ciation, renewals, and repairs.	With 80 per cent continu- ous opera- tion.	With opera- tion as in 1910.	Total.	Per acre.	Per acre- foot of water pumped,	Per acre- foot of water per foot of static head.	Total.	Per acre.	Per acrefoot of water pumped.	Per acre- foot of water per foot of static head.	Relative effi- cieucy.
1	265 898 914 446 425 444 444 444 444 444 444 444	1.55 .37 .05 .90	6 15 20 16 22 25 31 13 13 16	0.032 -085 -085 -089 -080 -204 -081 -081 -085 -085 -085 -085 -085 -085 -085 -085	Pred. 26 217 27 27 27 28 28 48 27 27 24 35 30 30 32 28 42 40 40 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50	1. 68 2. 02 1. 81 5. 93 6. 45 5. 45	120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 180 180 180 180 270 270 270	3.2 9.0 29 6.3 17.7 5.6 27 21 32 13 23 15 4 4 10.4 13 15 42 28	109 113 113 908 908 1257 171 180 188 188 188 188 188 188 188 188 18	8.3 9.6 10.2 45 80 19.7 7.5 21 18 150 6.9 23,5 16,0 142 288 72 288 77 22 288 77 1.3 27 27 288 37	711 139 193 193 193 194 144 178 165 165 165 165 165 165 165 165 165 165	1 5 10 20 57 4 4 2.5 14 4 60 2.3 6.0 0 3.5 77 28 60 100 158 4 80 9 3 17.5 5 25 5 25 5 25 5 25 5 25 5 25 5 25 5	2.1 1.9 1.9 1.0 2.2 2.2 4.4 8.3 0.0 3.5 5.5 4.5 3.0 4.6 1.8 8.3 9.4 1.7 2.7 2.7 2.7 1.2 2.7 1.5 1.5 2.7 1.5 2.7 2.7 2.7 2.7 2.7 2.7 2.7 2.7 2.7 2.7	0.96 1.00 1.00 1.75 1.20 1.20 1.87 1.59 1.57 1.00 1.20 2.18 3.80 4.00 7.27 1.45 1.40 1.50 1.50 1.50 2.88 2.75	\$2.07 2.16 1.62 2.59 3.95 3.95 3.24 3.39 2.16 2.59 4.04 2.98 1.73 2.70 2.10 3.41 3.67 8.66 8.9 12 16.60 3.48 3.24 4.77 2.65 3.00 2.64	\$1.23 1.07 .00 .40 .41 .55 .55 .60 .60 .85 .87 .1.14 .1.05 .89 .60 .60 .60 .60 .60 .60 .60 .60 .60 .60	\$385 \$90 1,230 1,260	\$8,40 7.30 8.50 8.10 9.30 7.40 17.50 11.9,60 7.40 18.4,90 23.10 34.7.30 42.31 3.50 8.80 13.	\$96 99 40 62 18 300 300 229 93 102 15 60 141 167 102 20 20 20 21 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	\$48. \$49. 49. 10. 115. 128. 128. 138. 149. 149. 159. 120. 37. 100. 39. 180. 96. 81. 210. 250. 350. 88. 285. 25. 66. 105.	\$246 253 202 202 203 203 203 203 203 203 203 20	\$19 15 18 36 36 36 36 32 21 21 16 43 33 33 34 34 24 218 14 56 56 56 52 22 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21	\$293 309 251 391 410 553 421 524 395 920 249 405 287 1,530 1,630 2,810 689 736 857 774	\$6,40 4,509 2,509 3,500 3,500 3,500 4,200 5,500 4,400 5,700 4,400 9,600 11,400 11,400 15,400 28,700 5,500 0,500 0,500 11,400 11,	\$2.70 1.90 2.20 1.100 1.100 1.100 1.100 2.50 2.50 2.50 2.100 1.80 2.40 3.20 1.70 1.80 1.80 1.70 1.80 1.80 1.90 1.90 1.90 1.90 1.90 1.90 1.90 1.9	\$0.104 -0.02 -0.02 -0.03 -0.03 -0.03 -0.05	\$67 69 67 192 207 196 196 196 156 64 418 51 156 64 202 202 207 402 557 407 407 407 407 407 407 407 407 407 40	\$17 14 6.70 8.60 3.60 3.7 32 14 22 22 25 18 2.60 6.70 5.60 10 5.60 10 5.60 10 5.70 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	\$8, 10 7, 20 6, 50 2, 96 2, 96 7, 85 10, 70 9, 90 1, 40 4, 60 1, 40 1, 40 1, 60 2, 10 8, 40 1, 60 2, 10 8, 40 1, 60 1, 60 2, 10 8, 40 1, 60 1, 6	\$0.31 .34 .24 .10 .08 .28 .41 .10 .10 .10 .10 .11 .17 .17 .18 .10 .18 .11 .11 .13 .05 .05 .05 .05 .05 .05 .05 .05 .05 .05	Per cent. 222 235 360 62 49 44 242 411 312 32 314 26 80 80 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90
49,		.88			43 294	4. 27 16. 7			377		141 80	7 103		1.50 2.75	3. 60 6. 60	. 84	4,120		22	460	850 1,540		1,340 2,000	9.50 25	3, 60 9, 30	.032					36 76
27	1,320	2.94	18	.082	41	13.7	180	12.5	810	73	235	120	.6.	Steam p	lant, crud	. 55	3,500	15	29	450	1,280	109	1,730	7, 40	2.10	. 050	559	4, 70	7.60	. 19	39
														El	ectric pow	er.															
5. 12. 22. 22. 22. 26. 56. 66. 67. 68. 68. 69. 69. 69. 69. 69. 69. 69. 69. 69. 69	100 2, 103 690 2, 200 911 13, 188 15, 145 16, 18 172 1, 45 172 1, 45 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	24 4.80 1.40 5.12 0.20 3.12 0.31 1.00 1.	14 20 12 12 15 15 10 20 20 3	7 .24	28 20 20 30 44 30 25 28 29 20 7 79 140 205 5 117 50 146 492	1. 51 .68 15.3 3.18 23.8 6.90 .85 5.10 10.6 11.3 .68 7.44 8.91 12.1 4.84 8.85	120 180 180 180 180 180 180 180 180 271 271 4 271 4 270 4 270	5.2 5.2 5.2 5.3 167 161 161 162 180 180 180 130 210 210 210 210 210 210 210 21	1,370 400 1,460 1,460 86 114 457 922 540 36 201 164 385	2. 5 1,700 30 380 1,150 525 9.1 121 159 375	385 112 110 162 24 32 128 258 202 14 75 61 144 - 85 240	18 730 320 32 40 90 200 177 10 80 45	1.7 2.3 2.0 4.2 5.8 3.0 9 1.5 3.5 3.8	2 kw. hot 28 (?) kw 8.6 kw. h 49.0 horse 14.0 horse 14.3 horse 3.42 horse 10.25 horse 19.21 horse 23.00 horse 15.32 horse 15.32 horse 15.30 horse 23.00 horse 23.00 horse 23.00 horse	hours per hours per hours per hepower, at spower, at sepower, at sepower, a s	r, at 4c. hour, at 3c our, at 3c s50. \$50. \$25. \$25. \$25. \$25. \$25. \$25. \$25. \$25	550 250 3,010 808 3,000 3,000 518 2,020 845 1,400 1,307 900 3,500 3,500 3,500 6,000 18,000	10 13 7, 80 7, 20 7, 30 18 22 83 6, 60 5, 40 6, 40 64 47 57 24	275 167 45 4.10 9.40 18 50 9.40 7.7 7.39 90 41 7.39	40 16 128 40 130 20 20 20 25 60 80 190 186 100	484 207 2, 946 928 2, 485 385 117 120 2,11 515 1, 202 217 818 832 1, 357	11 2,490 100 285 538 1,200 178 797 850 1,555	524 223 3,4634 988 2,615 465 167 140 326 575 1,282 207 1,018 1,637	9, 70 11, 70 8, 60 6, 40 2, 90 7, 00 4, 40 2, 50 2, 20 6, 30 6, 30 13, 40 17, 00 11, 50 11, 50	4, 10 4, 80 2, 20 2, 40 1, 80 1, 90 1, 20 7, 10 5, 60 6, 30 4, 30 6, 80 9, 90	. 205 . 194 . 089 . 130 . 044 . 047 . 042 . 025 . 025 . 022 . 030 . 106 . 106 . 106 . 106 . 107 . 043 . 044 . 044 . 045 . 045 . 045 . 046 . 047 . 048 . 048	27 2,631 129 320 583 1,280 228 987 1,036 1,655	3, 60 3, 60 3, 60 2, 90 2, 90 23 12 23 17	10.80 1,50 1,60 84 51 2,40 25,30 8,20 6,50 4,40	. 43 . 04 . 06 . 03 . 02 . 03 . 36 . 05 . 05 . 03 . 04	28 25 41 28 49 49 49 30 50 55 49 21 49 56 40 58
42 45. 46. 47. 48.	97	6 .2 2 .1 6 .2	8		46 40 150	2.7 1.3 73 3.6	3 270 5 270 3 270 4 270	0 120	171 111 69 92 154	38	64 42 26 34 57	20	1.9	3.59 horse 3.47 horse (7.44 horse	power, at	\$50 \$50 \$50	1, 400 900 350 1, 500 1, 500	22 21 13 44 26	18 } 43	70 36 16 70 70	304 232 220 424 448	203 415 439	374 268 242 494 518	5, 80 6, 40 9, 30 14, 50 9, 10	2, 20 2, 40 3, 50 5, 40 3, 40	.037 .052 .088 .036 .034	219 485 509	11 14 {	5, 80 6, 40 4, 00	.14	54 38 21 49 51

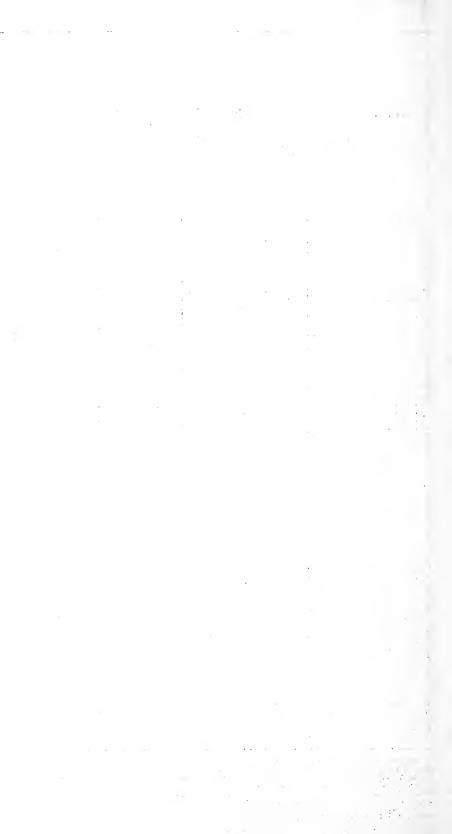
Notes:—The cost per cultim of distillate was fewalt delivered, except as follows: 0.5 outs for test numbered 55, 56, 90, and 30; 10.6 overts for test numbered 10, 40, and 30; 10.6 overts for test stress from the continuous sesseration and maximum their of 1 second-door to 80 nerves, the duty of water is 2.4 nervised per acre per numain for a sesson of 120 days and 3.5 overts for test numbered 20. Which is the continuous sesseration and maximum their of 1 second-door to 80 nerves, the duty of water is 2.4 nervised per acre per numain for a sesson of 120 days and 3.5 overts for 1 nervised and 1 nervised 1 nervi

b The second line for test No. 25 relates to customary use of the plant; during the latter part of the test the engine was speeded up, giving the results shown in a This is supplementary to pravity apoply entitled buffers the first half of the season.

This is supplementary to repressly apoply entitled buffers the first half of the season.

Tests reported by owner, Then standard her is essented buffer.

Use I as supplement to pravity supply on 105 across of this meant, a first property of the property of the season of the property of the season of the seas



than is needed to supply the acreage watered the error can of course be remedied if more land can be furnished with water. The same result will of course be accomplished either by bringing new land under irrigation or by supplying from one plant lands that have been watered by two or more pumping units each of which has been operated only a small part of the time. The advantage of cooperation in reducing the cost per acre of irrigation is shown in the plants listed as tests Nos. 31 and 35.

Although theoretically the pumping system might be only large enough to furnish the necessary amount of water if kept running continuously throughout the irrigation season, practically the minimum size of plant is approximately fixed by the necessity of pumping a stream large enough to flow through the irrigation ditches with sufficient velocity to permit its proper distribution. From the observations made in San Joaquin Valley it would appear that in this region plants of less than 5 horsepower are not efficient in this respect, except perhaps in the case of plants used for watering small truck gardens. The size of stream that must be thrown in order to give proper distribution depends very largely on the character of the soil, however. In Sacramento Valley it has been found that "a discharge of at least 12 gallons a minute to the acre should if possible be provided for alfalfa on ordinary loam soils in tracts of 40 to 200 acres, with larger capacities for smaller tracts, and slightly smaller capacities for larger tracts."1

Although in some regions economy is obtained by the use of smaller plants pumping into reservoirs from which a sufficient discharge can be maintained during periods of irrigation, this practice has not been followed in the San Joaquin, and the cost of reservoir construction probably would more than counterbalance the saving in cost of pumping equipment under the conditions of irrigation that obtain.

In localities where pumping plants are installed as auxiliaries to surface water supplies the adaptation of proper size of plant to the area irrigated can not be adhered to; for in such instances a relatively large amount of water may need to be pumped during intervals of shortage in the ditch supply, and machinery capable of furnishing a given quantity of water in a limited time may be required. Such conditions obtain mainly in places where high-class crops are raised, however, which can profitably bear the relatively high cost per acre of pumping water. An example of this is furnished in the plant of W. E. Bunker (No. 15).

In connection with the mistake of installing a larger plant than is needed for the area irrigated may be mentioned the installation of a plant having greater pumping capacity than the well can supply.

¹ Bryan, Kirk, Ground water for irrigation in the Sacramento Valley, Cal.: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 375-A, p. 38, 1915.

Considerable loss in efficiency may develop in such cases, either simply from excessive draw down, which makes the pumping lift greater than need be, or from the entrance of air into the pump, whose suction is thereby impaired. Losses of efficiency directly traceable to leakage of air were noted in tests Nos. 8 and 39. Such overtaxing can usually be overcome by enlarging the well or by sinking one or more auxiliary wells connected by tunnels or by suction pipes to the pump intake.

Although pumps in good condition may lift water about 28 feet under suction, a lift of about 20 feet has been found in practice to be the maximum economical limit. Centrifugal pumps and the cylinders of reciprocating pumps should therefore be placed not higher than this distance above the water level when pumping. Examples of low efficiency produced in part at least by excessive suction lifts are furnished by plants Nos. 8, 21, and 30. Enlargements or bell-mouths on the ends of intake and discharge pipes are found to reduce the friction loss of head at entrance and discharge points and thus slightly to increase the efficiency. Likewise, the elimination of unnecessary elbows and bends in the pipes reduces friction losses. Cases where actual obstructions in pipes appeared to be responsible in part for the low efficiency were noted in plants Nos. 51 and 55.

At many pumping plants the end of the discharge pipe is placed higher than is necessary. Since every foot in height that the water is raised requires a certain amount of work, it is obvious that the discharge point should be only high enough to deliver the water into the ditch. Flagrant cases of disregard of this principle were not observed in the San Joaquin, however.

The running of a large internal combustion engine at less than its load capacity is an important factor in increasing pumping costs. Under such conditions, in order to keep down to normal speed, the engine misses a number of explosions each minute. Serious loss in efficiency may thus be occasioned, as brake tests show that under such conditions there is a marked loss in the effective work. loss is due largely to the fact that the power consumed within the machine in compression of the charge and in friction losses is approximately constant, and hence as the amount of work produced by the machine is decreased the energy consumed internally becomes a larger portion of the total amount. An especially noteworthy instance of low efficiency due to a poorly designed plant was found in that of T. R. Hill (test No. 1). The overloading of an engine, when normal speed is kept up by feeding an extra amount of fuel, is also uneconomical, both because of the excessive fuel consumption and the strain on the machinery.

¹ Le Conte, J. N., and Tait, C. E., Mechanical tests of pumping plants in California: U. S. Dept. Agr. Office Exper. Sta. Bull. 181, p. 72, 1907.

Notable variations in speed, either of increase or of decrease beyond the normal, result in inefficient service; for every properly constructed engine is designed to run under conditions of speed and load that are fairly well determined by the size of the engine parts, and any great variation in these conditions is bound to be attended by loss in efficiency from one or more causes. In electric motors underspeeding does not result in notable efficiency loss since the internal friction losses are slight and a large part (80 to 90 per cent) of the power consumed is given out as useful work. Overspeeding, however, may necessitate repairs due to the overheating or burning out of parts.

The proper adjustment of feed and ignition in an internal combustion engine have very great influence on the efficient working of the machine. If the ignition is retarded too much, an excessive fuel charge is required. By advancing the spark, therefore, to produce a certain amount of preignition, the fuel consumption may be cut down appreciably. The improper timing of ignition may have been the cause of excess fuel consumption in plants Nos. 18, 19, and 28.

The temperature of the jacket water is a factor that is too often overlooked; for if the cylinder is cooled too much, ignition may lag, and the same effect will be produced as by a spark too far retarded.

Too little attention is in many cases paid to the proper oiling and adjustment of the various bearings. Injury of course may quickly result to them from overheating due to lack of oil, or to running too tight, while if too much play is allowed the engine will become injured by pounding. Slippage of a loose belt is often the cause of poor service, as in tests Nos. 13 and 40, while too tight a belt produces an undue strain on the pulley bearings.

For proper running of a pump, relations of load and speed similar to those in an engine must be taken into consideration. The improper speeding of a centrifugal pump will cause loss in efficiency because if underspeeded the runner will not impart an economic proportion of its velocity to the water, and therefore the pump will not lift water to its full capacity (tests Nos. 1 and 27); or, because if overspeeded, the runners will churn or will produce excessive velocity in the stream of water, with consequent losses due to excessive friction in the intake and outlet pipes (test No. 5). While a centrifugal pump throws more water when somewhat overspeeded, it requires much more power for a given discharge than does a larger pump run at the proper speed. As has been previously mentioned, overspeeding may also cause marked drop in efficiency by drawing air into the pump and impairing its suction. Overspeeding is, however, less to be avoided than underspeeding, since the discharge drops rapidly with slower rotation.

For each rotary pump there is a definite relation between the lift of the water and the speed of the pump, for greatest efficiency. The proper speed for each lift is usually given by the pump maker, and should be closely adhered to for satisfactory results both in the amount of water lifted and in power economy.

In reciprocating pumps underspeeding may in some cases produce undue diminishing of the discharge through failure of the valves to open and close promptly. Overspeeding often results in the breaking of sucker rods or the loosening of pump foundations, with consequent throwing out of alignment and increased friction losses.

The proper size and speed for the pump will be determined by the amount of water to be discharged and the lift. The engine or motor should then be adapted in size to give the necessary power. By means of the proper-sized pulleys or gears the suitable working speed for both pump and prime mover can be obtained. The proper size of prime mover and pump for given lifts and discharge are given in some manufacturers' catalogues or will be supplied by the service departments of the firms. Consultation with these departments will often prevent costly mistakes in the installation of a plant. For the larger plants special design to suit the conditions of operation will generally be profitable. The following tables may be of use in some cases, however, in aiding in the choice of a suitable combination of prime mover and pump.

Table 35.—Time required for irrigation with pumps of various sizes, assuming 3 acrefect as duty of water per acre per annum.

		7	l'ime requi	red for pu	mp to raise	tabulated	quantities	of water.	a
Area to be irrigated.	Water required per an- num.	3-inch pump, capacity 225 gallons per minute.	3½-inch pump, capacity 300 gallons per minute.	4-inch pump, capacity 400 gallons per minute.	5-inch pump, capacity 700 gallons per minute.	6-inch pump, capacity 900 gallons per minute.	7-inch pump, capacity 1,200 gallons per minute.	8-inch pump, capacity 1,600 gallons per minute.	10-inch pump, capacity 3,000 gallons per minute.
A cres.	Acre-feet.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.
5		360							
10	30	720							
15	45	1,080	814						
20	60	1,420	1,080	814					
30	90	2,160	1,630	1,220	697	542			
40	120	2,880	2,170	1,630	930	723	512		
60	180	4,320	3,260	2,440	1,400	1,080	814		
80	240		4,340	3,260	1,860	1,440	1,080	814	
100	300			4,070	2,320	1,810	1,360	1,020	542
120	360				2,790	2,170	1,630	1,220	650
160	480				3,720	2,890	2,170	1,630	868
200	600					3,620	2,710	2,030	1,080
240	720					4,340	3,260	2,440	1,300
280							3,800	2,850	1,520
320	960						4,340	3,260	1,730
360								3,660	1,950
400	1,200							4,070	2,170
480									2,600
560									3,040
640									
760									
880	2,640								4,770
		<u> </u>		J	1	<u> </u>	l		1

a Capacities taken from manufacturers' catalogues.

Table 36.—Engine horsepower, cost of pumping plant, annual fixed charges, and cost per hour of operation for pumps operated against various static heads.a

Static head.	Size of pump.	Engine horse- power.	Cost of pumping plant.	Annual fixed charges.	Cost per hour of operation
Feet. 20	Inches. 3 3½ 4 5 6 7 8 10	3 4 5 8 10 15 20 35	\$300 360 420 600 770 1,050 1,320 1,920	\$59 72 85 125 162 218 274 398	Cents. 6.7 7.6 9.1 11.9 13.4 17.2 22.2 39.9
25	3 3½ 4 5 6 7 8	4 5 6 10 15 18 25 45	350 410 480 720 990 1,150 1,480 2,250	70 83 99 149 205 238 307 467	7.3 8.6 10.1 13.1 16.2 20.9 27.3 49.3
30	3 3½ 4 5 6 7 8	4 6 8 12 18 20 30 50	360 470 590 840 1,110 1,280 1,660 2,430	71 95 121 173 229 264 343 502	8.3 9.3 10.5 15.3 18.8 24.7 32.4 58.8
35	3 3 ¹ / ₂ 4 5 6 7 8	5 6 8 15 18 25 35 60	420 480 600 960 1,120 1,450 1,840 2,660	83 96 122 197 230 298 379 549	9. 0 10. 5 11. 9 17. 5 21. 9 28. 5 37. 4 68. 3
40	3 3½ 4 5 6 7 8	6 8 10 18 - 20 30 40 75	480 600 720 1,080 1,230 1,620 2,010 3,000	94 121 146 220 251 332 413 618	9.3 10.5 12.1 19.7 24.7 32.3 42.4 77.8
45	$egin{array}{c} 3 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 10 \\ \end{array}$	6 8 10 18 25 30 45 75	530 660 790 1,170 1,500 1,740 2,300 3,170	104 132 159 238 306 356 472 649	10. 2 11. 5 13. 4 21. 9 27. 6 36. 1 47. 5 87. 2
50	$egin{array}{c} 3 \\ 3 \frac{1}{2} \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 10 \\ \end{array}$	8 10 12 20 25 35 50 100	640 780 910 1,290 1,510 1,920 2,470 3,760	126 155 182 261 307 392 506 773	10. 0 11. 5 14. 6 24. 1 30. 4 39. 9 52. 5 96. 5
55	3 3 ¹ / ₂ 4 5 6 7 8	8 10 15 25 30 40 50	650 790 1,030 1,460 1,690 2,100 2,480 3,770	127 156 206 295 343 428 507 774	10. 8 12. 4 15. 9 26. 3 33. 3 43. 7 57. 8 106. 0
60	3 3 4 5 6 7 8	8 10 15 25 30 45 60 100	660 800 1,040 1,470 1,700 2,270 2,710 3,780	128 157 207 296 344 462 553 775	11. 5 13. 4 17. 2 28. 5 36. 1 47. 5 62. 8 116. 0

 $[\]alpha$ Cost of pumping plant is exclusive of wells and casing. Fixed charges are 8 per cent of cost of pumping plant plus 14 per cent of cost of machinery. Cost of operation is cost of fuel at 10 cents a gallon plus 2 cents an hour for labor and lubrication.

From the average rated capacity for each size of pump, obtained from manufacturers' catalogues (Table 35), and the lift, the necessary water horsepower is obtained from the formula given on page 165, which may be a little more simply expressed thus:

Total static head in feet×discharge in

Useful water horsepower = gallons per minute
3,957

A plant efficiency of about 43 per cent, determined mainly from experimental tests of good plants, has been applied to these values of water horsepower to obtain the figures of required engine horsepower for Table 36, the nearest standard size of engine above the required horsepower being taken in nearly every case. The sizes of engine needed are larger than those given in similar tables in catalogues of pumping machinery; but they are believed, from results observed in actual experience, to be approximately correct.

The cost of pumping plant includes only the cost of engine, pump and fittings, and the housing. Since the cost of engine and pump varies somewhat according to the make and the cost of housing varies with the style of building used, the three items have been combined into the averages presented. The prices used for the machinery, however, are average list prices for the indicated sizes of distillate engines and centrifugal pumps, and the cost of housing is based on actual examples. This latter item is taken as about \$50 for the smaller plants, increasing for the larger sizes by about 10 per cent of the additional cost of the machinery. Attempt has not been made to determine the average cost of well and casing, since these are such variable quantities that averages would be of no special significance. In some places the cost of the completed well is relatively small, while in other places it may equal the cost of the remainder of the plant.

The annual fixed charges have been computed as 8 per cent of the cost of pumping plant plus 14 per cent of the estimated cost of engine and pump alone. While this is a somewhat different basis of estimate from that used in calculating the fixed charges of Table 34, and includes allowance for interest and taxes, it is believed to be fair and

to give approximately the same results.

The cost per hour of operation is based on the probable amount of distillate used per hour, at 10 cents per gallon, plus 2 cents per hour of operation for labor and lubrication. The duty of distillate is taken, as the result of numerous tests, at one-eighth gallon per horsepower per hour developed. In the table this is of course not the same as the horsepower "size" of the engine, which is adapted only approximately to the actual power required. The hourly consumption of distillate for each combination of pump and lift can be obtained, if desired, from the last column, by subtracting the labor

and lubrication cost (2 cents) and dividing by 10 (the assumed price in cents per gallon). For example, in the first case the computed distillate consumption is 0.47 gallon per hour. From this figure other calculations based on different costs per gallon can be made.

Example.—It is desired to irrigate by pumping a tract of 80 acres of land to be set in alfalfa. In consideration of rainfall, evaporation, and other climatic conditions the area should be flooded during the irrigation season with sufficient water in amount to cover the land 3 feet in depth (equivalent to flooding 6 inches in depth six times during the season). The depth to water in neighboring wells is about 20 feet, and it is desired to raise the water 5 feet above the surface of the ground at the proposed pumping plant. The irrigation season is about 200 days in length.

Referring to Table 35, opposite 80 in the first column, we find that a 3½-inch pump will require 4,340 hours, or 21.7 hours a day for 200 days to supply the desired amount of irrigating water; a 4-inch pump will require 3,260 hours, or 16.3 hours a day for 200 days; a 5-inch pump will require 1,860 hours, or 9.3 hours a day for 200 days; a 6-inch pump will require 1,440 hours, or 7.2 hours a day for 200 days, etc. Now, the depth to water being 20 feet and the lift above the surface of the ground 5 feet, a head of 25 feet must be provided for in addition to the suction lift. The suction lift should be taken at 25 feet unless it be known that a well of great capacity can be secured. The total static head, therefore, in this case will be 50 feet. In the table on page 173, opposite "50" in the column for static head, the following information can be found:

a. 3½-inch pump, 10-horsepower engine, cost, with housing, \$78	
Fixed charges.	\$155
Operation, 4,340 hours at 11.5 cents per hour	499
Total yearly cost of pumping	654
Yearly cost per acre	8. 18
b. 4-inch pump, 12-horsepower engine, cost, with housing, \$910	:
Fixed charges	182
Operation, 3,260 hours at 14.6 cents per hour	476
Total yearly cost of pumping	658
Yearly cost per acre	8.22
c. 5-inch pump, 20-horsepower engine, cost, with housing, \$1,29	90:
Fixed charges	261
Operation, 1,860 hours at 24.1 cents per hour	448
Total yearly cost of pumping	709
Yearly cost per acre	8.86
d. 6-inch pump, 25-horsepower engine, cost, with housing, \$1,5	10:
Fixed charges	307
Operation, 1,440 hours at 30.4 cents per hour	438
Total yearly cost of pumping	745
Yearly cost per acre	9.31

e. 7-inch pump, 35-horsepower engine, cost, with housing, \$1,92	20:
Fixed charges	392
Operation, 1,080 hours at 39.9 cents per hour	431
Total yearly cost of pumping.	823
Yearly cost per acre	

It appears from these figures that the total cost of pumping gradually increases with the size of plant used. This is because the larger plants lie idle a proportionately greater time, while interest, taxes, depreciation, etc., accumulate. With the foregoing information in mind, the rancher can proceed to have a well, or wells, bored with some definite idea of the sort of plant he will need. The boring, digging, or drilling of wells in such manner as to secure the greatest flow of water at least cost is a matter subject to wide variation in procedure in accordance with local conditions. Let it be assumed that a well is bored and the test 1 shows a flow of 300 gallons a minute with a lowering of 15 feet in the water surface. Such a well will supply a 3½-inch pump with a suction lift of 15 feet (assuming the pump to be placed at the water surface); a 4-inch pump with a suction lift of about 20 feet; but will not supply a pump of larger size. With this well, therefore, the choice is narrowed down to plants a and b. It is now possible to revise the estimates because, instead of a suction lift of 25 feet, as previously assumed, it is known that the lift will be about 15 feet for plant a, or 20 feet for plant b. The total static heads will be 40 feet and 45 feet, respectively. From Table 36 the following revised estimates are derived:

$a-1$. 40-foot head, $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pump, 8-horsepower engine, cost, with	h
housing, \$600:	
Fixed charges	\$121
Operation, 4,340 hours at 10.5 cents per hour	456
Total yearly cost of pumping	577
Yearly cost per acre	7.21
b-1. 45-foot head, 4-inch pump, 10-horsepower engine, cost, wi	th
housing, \$790:	
Fixed charges	159
	199
Operation, 3,260 hours at 13.4 cents per hour	437
8	

It is seen that plant b-1 costs \$190 more than plant a-1 and that the yearly cost of pumping will be \$19 greater. In view of the lesser time required for pumping, the larger plant would probably be chosen by most ranchers, but with the foregoing study of the problem, the choice could be made intelligently with clear knowledge as to what the added convenience of the larger plant will cost. If a still larger plant were, for any reason, considered desirable additional wells would be required.

¹ Every well should be carefully tested by pumping and its flow measured before a pumping plant is purchased. Only in this way can the plant purchased be adapted to the flow obtainable from wells.

COUNTY NOTES.

By W. C. MENDENHALL and R. B. Dole.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

San Joaquin County is, with the exception of small areas in Alameda and Contra Costa, the northernmost of those counties whose valley lands belong to the southern division of the great central lowland of California. Because of its latitude and its position near the gateway that opens to the Pacific, it differs greatly climatically from the southern counties of the valley. Its temperatures are not so high and do not fluctuate through so wide range (monthly averages vary from 46.5° in January to 72.5° in July and August), its rainfall is greater, amounting to about 15.5 inches, and its percentage of foggy days exceeds that of Kern, Tulare, and other of the southern counties. Furthermore, situated as it is along the lower San Joaquin, it includes a tidal section of that stream and a large area, called Stockton Islands, that is subject to inundation when the Sacramento is in flood, and a still larger section subject to overflow, except where it is protected by dikes and levees, when floods in the San Joaquin and its tributaries occur at the same time as those of the Sacramento. The county, therefore, includes a part of that central California area, whose problems of reclamation, drainage, and navigation involve in so complete and fascinating a way all of the phases of hydraulic engineering. The rivers must be improved and controlled for navigation purposes, the lowlands must be protected from floods and drained, while the higher bordering parts of the valley lands, too dry to produce the more valuable crops although suited to grain raising, require irrigation for their fullest development. This threefold problem belongs typically to the Sacramento Valley, but it requires solution also in that of the lower San Joaquin.

The Stanislaus Water Co. takes its supply of water from the Stanislaus near Knights Ferry and irrigates an area of several thousand acres along the southern border of the county in the Escalon and Manteca districts. In the Lodi and Stockton districts the systems of the Stockton & Mokelumne Irrigating Co. and the Woodbridge Canal & Irrigation Co. supply surface waters to limited areas. Within the island district, west and north of Stockton, where reclamation has been accomplished by the construction of protective levees, water is

sometimes admitted within the dikes during high-water periods in the streams for irrigation purposes, but as subirrigation is effectual throughout the greater part of these areas, surface irrigation is rarely necessary.

The higher lands of the valley slopes, both along the east and west sides, are devoted to grain raising, as some of them have been for almost half a century. No water is applied to them. There is no uniformity as to practice among the vineyardists, some of them irrigating their vines, others preferring that they be not irrigated.

FLOWING WELLS.

San Joaquin County includes the northern portion of the great central artesian zone of the valley, but as this zone is less important in its northern part, both because of the inferior yield of wells there and because of the greater proportion of water of poor quality obtained from them, there has been relatively little development for irrigation purposes or domestic supply. Twenty-nine records have been obtained, and these are believed to include all of the flowing wells existing in the country districts and nearly all of those in the city of Stockton at the time when the records were secured. Only six of these supply water suitable for irrigation, and the yield of these is small. By far the greater number of the flowing wells have been drilled for the gas they yield, but as the water with the gas is saline and therefore not usable for drinking or for irrigation it is allowed to waste.

The few artesian wells that furnish water of good quality not only yield small supplies but are expensive because of their considerable depth. Those of which records are available are from 975 to 1,200 feet deep. Wells of lesser depth do not yield flows, and those of greater depth, at least in the Stockton neighborhood, yield saline waters and gas. Farther west than Stockton, nearer the axis of the valley, the water, even from shallow wells, is strongly mineralized. It will be realized that under these conditions flowing wells are not of value for irrigation in the county, despite the rather large area over which flows may be obtained.

PUMPING PLANTS.

During the last few years irrigation by the use of pumped waters has become an important factor in the development of the east side of San Joaquin County. Around Lathrop and French Camp in the district east of Stockton and in the country about Lodi, a large number of plants have been installed and new wells are being sunk and new plants put in operation constantly.

This development is of a most promising type. Most of the plants are small and the acreage irrigated by each is limited. This means small holdings, intensive cultivation, and eventually relatively dense settlement. The average recorded horsepower of 193 plants is only 6.2. Of the 193 plants 138 develop from 2 to 8 horsepower, while 42 are equipped with engines developing from 10 to 15 horsepower. One hundred and eighty-seven gas engines were in use in 1906, 13 plants used motors at that time, and 2 were operated by steam.

One hundred and thirty-seven owners of plants reported a total of 1,455 acres under irrigation, an average of only 10.6 acres each. The cost of 106 of the plants was reported by the owners as \$64,983, an average cost of \$613 each. These facts indicate the small scale and

individualistic character of the development.

The power companies charge a uniform rate of $3\frac{1}{3}$ cents per horse-power per hour. This is higher than the fuel charge in the gas plants, the reported average in 12 plants for the summer of 1906 being 1.45 cents per horsepower per hour, but labor and installation, both of which are heavier charges in the gas plants, tend to equalize the difference. Water as developed in these small plants seems to cost the users from \$1.50 to as much as \$3 or \$4 per acre-foot.

Generally water is delivered from the pumping plants to the acreage served through earth ditches, and where the soil is sandy and

porous this method results in much waste.

The pumping-plant wells are comparatively shallow, and hence are very much cheaper than the deep wells necessary to secure artesian flows. The average depth of somewhat more than 100 wells, taken at random from the records, is about 80 feet. Another group of 20 wells average only 40 feet in depth. These latter wells are equipped with small pumping plants, developing an average of 5 horsepower each, and the water which they yield is ample.

The wells are particularly cheap because it has been found that in many parts of the area it is not necessary to case them, or at least they need be cased only to slight depths. Twelve pumping-plant wells are reported as without any casing; 24 others were only partly cased, the pipe in these varying in length from a few joints to three-

fourths or seven-eighths of the entire depth of the well.

The windmill has been an important factor in irrigation in the Stockton district, and although it has been practically superseded by the small pumping plant, it is still used, especially in the vegetable garden and fruit districts east and northeast of Stockton. Its chief disadvantage, of course, is the uncertainty of the wind. It is not unusual to see a well equipped both with a small gas engine and a large windmill, the engine being used when the wind fails. The wheels used are of wood and of local manufacture, from 18 to 22 feet in diameter, and cost complete with the tower from \$175 to \$200.

Much of the gardening and fruit for the San Francisco market is in the hands of Italian immigrants, who, after giving the windmill a thorough trial, have generally abandoned it in favor of the more relia-

ble gas engine.

Irrigation by pumping, of the general type practiced about Stockton and Lodi, could be extended with great advantage throughout a large acreage, now without water, between Mokelumne River and Tejon Pass, but to be practiced successfully it will require a different spirit from that which as yet largely dominates the West. The promoting and speculative spirit, the desire to get rich overnight, to control large holdings, and to avoid personal labor, will have to be superseded by a willingness to be satisfied with sure but moderate returns, to be content with small farm units, and to attain personal independence through individual effort. It is to be hoped that the American citizen of the generations to come will prove willing to accept these conditions and that in the future dependence need not be placed upon our adopted citizens for detailed development of this desirable type.

QUALITY OF WATER.

The waters that were tested from wells 20 to 40 feet deep on the east side of San Joaquin County contain somewhat greater quantities of all mineral constituents than those from wells 50 to 1,100 feet deep, and though they are low in alkalies and are good for irrigation they are rather poor for steaming because of their content of scale-forming matter. Water from wells 50 to 900 feet deep is commonly the best. Wells around Stockton 900 to 1,100 feet deep yield water somewhat higher in sodium and potassium than in calcium and magnesium and therefore poorer for irrigation; this characteristic content of alkali probably decreases, however, toward the Sierra. Waters from depths greater than 1,100 feet around Stockton are unfit for use because they are salty, and that condition probably is uniform over the entire county.

No ground waters among Stockton Islands could be tested, but according to common report they are bad, which doubtless means that they are highly mineralized calcium sulphate or sodium sulphate waters with appreciable amounts of chlorides. This would make

them bad for boilers and poor for irrigation.

The waters of T. 2 S., R. 4 E., are higher in mineral content and poorer for irrigation than those farther east, and many are of the calcium sulphate type. Around Tracy and Banta wells more than 100 feet deep yield better water than shallower ones. The change to waters of the axial type, or those in which the alkalies exceed the alkaline earths, is apparently complete within the limits of El Pescadero, where the waters that were tested are suitable for irrigation. Water

1			tion.	
Sou High Pacdo Sou Moderate	Na-SO ₄ Ca-SO ₄ Na-SO ₄	Baddo Poor	Fair do Good	Southern Pacific Co. Pacific Coast Oil Co. Southern Pacific Co.
do	Ca-SO ₄	do	do	Do.
Low Moderate	Ca-CO ₃	Fairdo	do	Do. Do.
Ado	do	do	do	F. M. Eaton.
Sou do	do	do	do	Southern Pacific Co. F. M. Eaton.
Fdo StoVery high. Sar Moderate Stodo	do Na-Cl Na-CO ₃ do do	do Very bad Poor Fairdo do	do Bad Fair do do	Do. Do. Kennicott Water Softener Co. Walton Van Winkle. F. M. Eaton. D. B. Bisbee.
Sordo	Ca-CO ₃	do	Good	Southern Pacific Co.
Saido	do	do	do	Southern Pacific Co. F. M. Eaton.
Wdo Soj .do .do Jdo Sa: .do	do do do do do	Poordodododododododododododo	Fair Gooddodo	Southern Pacific Co. Do. Do. F. M. Eaton. Kennicott Water Softener Co.

deep.
imping station.
0 feet deep.
,000 feet deep.



TABLE 37.—Field assays of ground waters in San Joaquin County. [Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

			Location.				Determi	ned quar	atities.			Compa	ited qua	ntities.	-	Classification.			
Owner.	Date, 1910.	Sec.	T.	R.	Depth of well (feet).	Carbo- nate radicle (CO ₃),	Bicar- bonate radicle (HCO ₃).	Sul- phate radicle (SO ₄).	Chlor- ine (Cl),	Total bard- ness as CaCO ₃ .	Total solids.	Scale- form- ing ingre- dients (s).	Foam- ing ingre- dients (f).	Prob- ability of cor- rosion (c),	Alkali coeffi- cieat (k) (inches)	Mineral content.	Chemical character.	Quality for hollers,	Quality for irrigation.
Pacific Coast Oil Co.	ds	do.	1 S. 1 S. 2 S. 2 S. 3 S. 2 S. 3 S. 2 S. 3 S. 2 N. 3 N. 3 N. 3 N. 3 N. 1 N.	7 E.	468 250 468 468 468 468 468 468 468 468 468 468	T.5.1.1.1 T.1.0 T.	156 156 157 158 158 158 158 158 158 158 158 158 158	3414 955 5 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	1100 4000 5033 1300 1400 1503 451 1503 1503 1503 1503 1503 1503 1503 15	7511 7566 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75	2, 2, 200 2, 2, 300 3, 300 3, 300 4, 1, 300 4, 300	400 800	\$50 0.1, 200	TO TO THE TREE TREE THE TREE TREE TREE TREE T	16 4 3 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	dodododododododo.	. do	do do Bad Poer do do Bad Poer do do fair Poer do do fair Poer fair Poer fair Poer fair Poer fair Poer fair fair fair fair do do do do do do do d	Do. Bod. Bod. Bod. Bod. Bod. Bod. Bod. Bo

a 3 wells 90, 90, and 218 feet deep.

b 4 wells 665 to 975 feet deep.

c 11 wells 200 to 1,100 feet deep.

Table 38 .- Mineral analyses of ground waters in San Joaquin County.

[Parts per million except as otherwise designated,

			Location								D	etermined	quentit	ies.		Co	mputed	quantit	ies.		Classifier	ation.		
Owner.	Date.	Sec.	т.	R.	Depth of well (feet).		Iron (Fe).	Cal- cium (Ca).	nm nesium potas- ca), (Mg), sium radicle radicle radicle radicle (Cl), solids, gredi- ents sion		bility of corre- sion	Alkali coeffi- cient (k) (inches).	Mineral content.	Chemical character.	Quality for boilers.	Quali- ty for irriga- tion.	Analyst.							
Southern Pacific Co		28 28 28	2 S. 2 S. 2 S.	5 E. 5 E. 5 E.	86 478 390			65 64 55	30 46 21	131 107 81	0	158 203 164	268 252 170	118 106 61	726 794 497	280 300 230	350 290 220	? C. ?	15 17 28	Moderate	Ca-SO ₄ Na-SO ₄	Poor	Good	Southern Pacific Co. Pacific Coast Oil Co. Southern Pacific Co.
Do		28 33	2 S. 4 N. 3 N.	5 E. 6 E. 6 E.	118 396 97	665		55 17 28	19 8 11	63 6 26	0	189 87 130	115	53 8 36	421 151 236	220 130 160	170 15 70	7 N. C. N. C.	33 400 60	T.ow	Ca-CO ₈	Foir	do	Do. Do. Do.
A. S. Luseile		25	3 N.	6 E.	90 90 218	}	1.75	27	11	48	0	133	0	15	210	150	20	N. C.	140	do	do	do	do	F. M. Eaton.
Southern Pacific Co Dr. Ass Clark		Campo ceses	1 S. de los	6 E. Fran-	160 200	8 47	. 14	28 23	7 9. 2	33 431	0 0	158 164	9 1. 6	21 19	223 200	140 135	90 80	N. C. N. C.	30 27	do	do	do	do	Southern Pacific Co. F. M. Eaton.
F. A. West. Stockton Gas & Electric Co., Santa Fe Ry. Co., Stockton Water Co., Do., Do.,	Sept. 19, 1910 Oct. 1, 1902 Oct. 1, 1910 Sept. 18, 1910 Dec. 3, 1904	Stockto do do do			88	6.54 57 6.48	.85 .35 .03 .12	17 23	8,6 224 4 7,2 7,0 11	d 18 d 1,550 103 89 d 86 84	0 0 0 0	134 86 215 210 203 242	0 0 4 7.1 0 5	5.9 4,310 55 35 64 59	180 7,489 335 306 350 349 194	115 2,590 90 90 90 130 115	50 4,200 280 210 230 230 230	N. C. C. N. C. N. C. N. C. N. C. N. C.	40 , 5 8 9 10 11	Moderatedododo	do Na-Cl Na-CO ₅ do do do	Poor Fairdo	Fair do do	Kennicott Water Softener Co. Walton Van Winkle. F. M. Eaton.
Southern Pacific Co					199 228 40) *59	.50	15 41	8 15	28 d 18	0	118 210	7.8	17	285	200	45	N. C.	70	do	do	do	do	F. M. Eaton.
W. B. Reiney Southern Pacific Co Do J. S. Moulton Santa Fe Ry. Co	May -, 1900 Oct. 5, 1910	1 20	4 N. 4 N. 2 N. 2 S. 2 S.	8 E. 8 E. 8 E. 9 E.	30 42 128	6 47 6 60	.50		24 31 9 12 7	20 75 10 d 0 18	0 0 0 0	185 262 71 149 102	10 28 2 0 4	45 112 28 15 21	395 468 160 225 170	220 240 120 180 130	55 200 30 0 45	? ? ? N. C.	45 18 75 140 100	do	do do do do	Fair	Good	F. M. Eston.

a C., corrosive; N. C., noncorrosive; 7, corrosion uncertain or doubtful, of containing oxides of iron and aluminum.

Corganic and volatile matter, 119 parts.

Artesian well; probably more than 900 feet deep.

/ Four wells 665 to 975 feet deep at electric pumping station.

/ Eleven wells at pumping station, 200 to 1,100 feet deep.

A Fourteen wells at pumping station, 800 to 1,500 feet deep.

from wells 100 to 500 feet deep in the territory from El Pescadero to within 2 or 3 miles of the foothills could probably be applied to crops without harm if proper drainage were arranged, but water from wells more than 500 feet deep would probably be no better than that from shallower ones.

Though the water of San Joaquin River is altered in quality by the combined effects of ground affluents from the upper west side, seepage from irrigated lands on the east side, and occasional influxes of water from west-side creeks, it is usually low in mineral content and fairly clear, and at all times good for irrigation as the analyses made by the Geological Survey for two years establish.

The results of analyses and assays of ground waters in San Joaquin County are given in Tables 37 and 38, in which the waters have also been classified with respect to their value for domestic and boiler use

and for irrigation.

WELL RECORDS.

The facts assembled in the following tables and in much of the preceding discussion were secured by W. N. White in 1906–7. Practically all of the pumping plants and all wells of importance then existing were examined and the essential data regarding them were secured. In addition enough of the shallow domestic wells in the outlying areas were examined to furnish evidence of the depth to ground water and to give some indication of its quality. Much more complete evidence on the latter point was procured by R. B. Dole in 1910 and has been assembled in the chapter and tables prepared by him and appearing both in the county notes and in the general discussion. Records of a few wells in Alameda, Calaveras, and Contra Costa counties are appended.

Table 39.—Records of wells in San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Calaveras, and Alameda counties.

San Joaquin County.

Percent of the pieted Perc			
Sec. 25, T. 4N., R. 7E. 1880? Dug	Tem- pera- ture of water.	Use of Water.a Yield. Co	Cost of of mawell.
Sec. 3, T. 3.N., R. 8.E. 18877 Bord, 7 inches. 55 42	o F. Gas. Wind	Miner's inches. D. S. D.	\$225
Sec. 32, T. 3 N., R. 8 E. 1906 Bored, 8 inches. 224	00 00 00 00	20,00 00,00 00,00	
Sec. 5, T. S.N., R. 7 E Bored, 10 Hiches.	29? Gas.		1,800
Sec. 5t. 7 3 N , R 7 E 1904 Bored, 10 inches.	222 do	90	
1904 1898 Dug and bored 46 15		I	140.00
Golden		I b 45	c1, 200
Sec 6, T. 3.N., R. 7 E Bored, 8 inches 66 15		I b 50	50 00 650
do	15 Electric	I 1	<u>:</u>
do	16 do		110.00
1904 1904		ī	200
Loddo Bored, 12 Inches. 120 19	99 6	I	425
Sec. 13, T. 3 N., R. 6 E. 1904 Gred. 160 16 Sec. 12, T. 3 N., R. 6 E. 1902 Bored. 8 inches. 45 Sec. 12, T. 3 N., R. 6 E. 1907 Bored. 6 inches. 40 Gred. Gred. 6 inches. 40 Gred. 10 Gred. Gred. 6 inches. 40 Gred. 10 Gred. 1904 Bored. 10 inches. 80 S S Gred. 10 inches. 80 S Gred. 10 inche	19 Electrical 16 do	D	00'
Sec. 12, T. 3 N., R. 6 E. 1902 Bored, 8 inches. 44 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	99	D b 130	902
1991 Bored, Buches. 407 40. 1994 Bored, 10 inches. 80	3		0025
dodo			
006		I b 20	300
do Bored, 6 inches.	7 do.	, i.e.	c 300

a D, domestic; S, stock; I, irrigation; B, boilers; N, not used; R, roads.

b Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

c Cost of well and equipment combined.

Table 39.—Records of wells in San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Calaveras, and Alameda counties—Continued.

San Joaquin County—Continued.

	Cost of machine	\$225 \$225 \$200 \$200 \$200 \$200 \$200 \$200
	Cost of well.	\$25.00 \$40.00 \$40.00 \$60.00 \$5.00 \$5.00 \$6
	Yield.	#merhes. ### ### #### #######################
	Use of water.	
	Method of lift.	Electric Gas. do. do. Gas. do. Gas. do. do. do. Gas. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do
	Tem- pera- ture of water.	688 688 688 688 688 668 666 666 666 668
	Depth to water level.	Feet. 5 6 6 6 6 6 7 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
on man	Depth of well.	Feet. 277 277 277 277 277 277 277 277 277 27
Oan sought County—Co	Type and diameter of well.	Dug and bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 10 inches.
	Year com- pleted.	1903 1905 1905 1906 1906 1906 1907 1907 1907 1907 1907 1907 1907 1907
	Location.	Sec. 2, T. 3 N., R. 6 E. Sec. 11, T. 3 N., R. 7 E. Sec. 11, T. 3 N., R. 7 E. Sec. 11, T. 3 N., R. 6 E. Sec. 11, T. 3 N., R. 6 E. Sec. 12, T. 3 N., R. 6 E. Sec. 13, T. 3 N., R. 6 E. Sec. 13, T. 3 N., R. 6 E. Sec. 13, T. 3 N., R. 7 E. Sec. 18, T. 3 N., R. 7 E. Sec. 19, T. 3 N., R. 7 E. Sec. 19, T. 3 N., R. 7 E. Sec. 10, T. 3 N., R. 7 E. Sec. 11, T. 3 N., R. 7 E. Sec. 12, T. 3 N., R. 7 E. Sec. 12, T. 3 N., R. 7 E. Sec. 15, T. 3 N., R. 7 E. Sec. 15, T. 3 N., R. 7 E. Sec. 21, T. 3 N., R. 7 E.
	О wлет.	Edward Hutchins Mrs. D. E. Allison. C. D. Smith. T. G. De Pauli T. B. Gifroy Charles Kraft, John Schiffer E. A Beardin H. A. Goodman C. W. Fish Edward Powers Edward Powers Edward Powers H. R. Beckman H. R. Beckman H. R. Beckman H. F. Beckman H. F. Beckman H. F. Beckman Jacob Koening Do. H. Hindel J. B. Williams F. E. Hosmer O. Pool John Roinrisch G. A. Grimes O. Rook John Schmaidt George Mottler J. Handel Charles Ruess F. J. Mottler J. Mottler J. John Handel John Hebel G. Handel

6720 550 600	615 725 600 600 400	800 500 5625 585 285 81,000	784	750 750 8 500	2300	60 75 113 125	260		
50.00		350.00	22.50	50.00		3,000.00 13.00		3, 500.00	
a 75	925	a 20 a 20 a 95	a 125	a 75	* 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	6 8			
HH	нннн	нннн	II I		11000 8.8.8.8.	NS 88 88	II	r rzz	,
do. do	Gasdodododododo.	Pas. do. do. do.	op op	do do	do do Wind do	dododo Artesian Wind and gas Wind dodododododododo	Gas	Gas Ceased flowing	c Two wells. d Three wells 50-76 feet deep
						48			c Two wells.
5123	2428 80	8 8 8 107 12	12 E1 E1 E1	11 822 	87. 87. 12.3	0 - 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	107	57 57 6 12.2	0.0
110 46 95	136 103 103 103 103	218 218 288 288 55	65 115	65 50 85	20 33 33 60	$\begin{array}{c} 751 \\ 180 \\ 11652 \\ 110 \\ 47 \\ 1002 \\ +100 \end{array}$	(a) (a)	137 80 1,165 1,38	
000 000 000	do do do do Bored, 7 inches.	Bored, 8 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 10 inches do do	and 8 inches. Bored, 12 inches Borec, 12 inches and 3 inches. Bored, 10 inches	and 8 inches. Bored, 12 inches do Bored, 10 inches	Bored. 5 inches Dug. Bored, 4 inches Bored, 2 inches	Bored, 3 inches Bored, 4 inches Bored, 8 inches Bored, 4 inches Bored, 3 inches Bored, 6 inches Bored, 4 inches	Bored, 10 inches Bored, 8 inches Bored, 10 inches	and 8 inches. do do. Bored, 8 inches Bored, 8 inches? Bored, 6 inches	ken.
1906	1904 1904 1905 1905 1906 1903?	1904 1904 1906 1906 1906	1903 1904 1904	1906 1904 1904		18857 1891 1898 1899 1901 Old. 18857	1904 Old. 1903?	19037 19037 19037 1885 Old.	wner tal
Sec. 28, T. 3 N., R. 7 E.	- 1 1	Sec. 25, T. 3 N., R. 6 E. do do do do Sec. 30, T. 3 N., R. 7 E. Sec. 19, T. 3 N., R. 7 E.	dodosec. 24, T. 3 N., R. 6 E.	do do 0b 15 m 2 N B 6 H	Sec. 22, T. 3N., R. 6 E. Sec. 34, T. 3N., R. 6 E. Sec. 34, T. 3N., R. 6 E. Sec. 4, T. 2N., R. 6 E.	Sec. 1, T. 3 N., B. 6 E. Sec. 19, T. 2 N., B. 6 E. Sec. 10, T. 2 N., B. 6 E. Sec. 15, T. 2 N., B. 6 E. Sec. 16, T. 2 N., B. 6 E. Sec. 10, T. 2 N., B. 6 E. Sec. 20, T. 2 N., B. 6 E. Camoo de los Fran-		фо фо фо	Yield estimated or statement of owner taken Cost of well and equipment combined.
Fred Schmaidt L. W. Dye J. F. Loefffer	G. J. Loenner. Do. Mrs. Thomas Bunch. J. C. Dutton. A. E. Pult.	A. S. Laselle. Do. Do. Do. Do. George Welley George Hogen.	Dr. Haight. Samuel Ferdun. R. E. Ryan c.	David McEvoy. Frod Mcyers. A. B. Edlemann. T.A. Fred and a Breden and		George Mosher. Mrs. J. C. Swain W. J. Little W. J. Little C. Swain J. F. Dolan San Joaquin County C. A. Swain California State Hospital for Jusane.	G. Logorio. Charlotte B. Clowes. M. A. Podesto	Do. Do. S. Sangimetti. San Joaquin County.	a Yield est b Cost of w

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken, b Cost of well and equipment combined.

Table 39.—Records of wells in San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Calaveras, and Alameda counties—Continued.

San Joaquin County-Continued.

	Cost of machin-	225 225 225 225 225 225 225 225 225 225
	Cost of well.	\$75.50 75.50 75.00
	Yield.	Miner's inches. Small. 20 20 23 235 256 266 266 275 275 285
	Use of water.	r rengue renerencióneren renguer re
	Method of lift.	Gas. Electric Gas. Artesian and gas. Artesian and gas. Compared to the compar
	Tem- pera- ture of water.	。 F. 79
	Depth to water level.	76.6.7.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8
namman	Depth of well.	Feet. 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120
San Joaquin County—Contemped	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 10 inches do Bored, 8 inches Bored, 7 inches Bored, 2 inches Bored, 2 inches Bored, 2 inches Bored, 2 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 12 inches Bored, 10 inches
San	Year com- pleted.	19947 19857 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1908 1908 1908 1908 1908 1908 1908 1908
	Location.	Campo de los Franceses. do d
	Owner.	F. A. West. Do Henry Armbrust a. Mrs. Zignego California Traction Co G. N. Brown. Philip Geroni S. Policsto S. Printh Geroni S. Polocsto G. Puma Parkarevi G. Puma Parkarevi G. Puma Parkarevi G. Parani B. Venaul B. A. Belter J. J. Belter Stephen Soleri A. E. Stene. Stephen Soleri B. Soleri B. Soleri B. Soleri B. Sanguinetti B. Sanguinetti B. Sanguinetti N. Arata

	.10 .00010		.0 .00 .0	.0.,	100
725	225 200 400 450 285	285 400 300 300	450 490 60 50	250 425 6 330 400	425 b 300
155.00	25.00	45.00	40.00 75.00 15.00	25.00	275.00
c 65	6 0	c 2	0 0	0 8 8 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	c 20
HIH	L, S.	HHHHHHZE	Z-10-10/20/2		I. I
Wind. Gas.	do do Wind Wind Gas, do	do do do Wind Gas. do Artesian Wind	10707 : :	Gas, Wind. do do Gas. do do do Wind. Gas.	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
99		28	69	69	65 66 66 Instead or
e 41 81	44 6 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	41 01 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	13.2 13.2 14.5 16.0 16.0 16.0 16.0 16.0 16.0 16.0 16.0	202 202 202 202 202 203 203 203 203 203	10 10 10 17 16 24.8 27 42 31d estim ur wells
707 170 206	58 154 80 40 120 100?	$\frac{88}{135}$ $\frac{6}{135}$ $\frac{6}{135}$ $\frac{1}{128}$	100 110 60 503 40	252 252 250 250 156 150 161 80	150 115 115 80 828 28 28 90? 40 56
Bored, 4 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 12 inches	Bored, 10 inches Bored, 6 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 8 inches Bored, 10 inches do	Bored, 10 inches Bored, 12 inches Bored, 7 inches Bored, 8 inches Bored, 10 inches ado Bored, 8 inches Bored, 8 inches Bored, 4 inches	Bored, o inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 3 inches Bored, 4 inches Bored, 4 inches		inches, inches
Old. 1906 1903	1906 1903 1904 1904	1904 1906 1899 1899 1899 1906 Old	1903 01d. 1901 1891 1888	1904 Old. 1880? 1866? 1905 1905 1905 1905 Old. 1907	1905 1906 1904 01d. 01d. 01d. 1866?
Sec. 17, T. 2 N., R. 7 E. Campo de los Fran-	င်းရန်ဗန် ဝဝဝ ဝဝဝ ဝဝဝ ဝဝဝ ဝဝဝ	9 6 9 8 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	Sec. 25, T. 2N., R. 7 E. Sec. 24, T. 2N., R. 7 E. Sec. 24, T. 2N., R. 8 E. Sec. 5, T. 2N., R. 8 E. Sec	T.2N, R.8 T.2N, R.8 T.2N, R.8 T.2N, R.8 T.2N, R.8 T.2N, R.8	Sec. 33, T.1 N., R. 8 E. Sec. 37, T.1 N., R. 8 E. Sec. 37, T.2 N., R. 8 E. Sec. 36, T.2 N., R. 8 E. Sec. 26, T.2 N., R. 8 E. Sec. 26, T.2 N., R. 8 E. Sec. 24, T.2 N., R. 8 E. Sec. 24, T.2 N., R. 8 E. A Two wells. b Cost of well and equipment combined.
San Joaquin County Foppiano Bros S. Soleri	Doy Bros. L. Lagorio. J. Arata a. Do. John Bardot. V. Cella.	G. Borosso. G. Armanino B. Bacicoo Max. T. Donovan. Catherine E. Overhiser E. Shioezi E. Shioezi Elizabeth Loeber San Joaquin County.	E. S. Deecher Mr. Alling Forest Foreign Smith & Walch Smith & Walch Mr. T D Ashlor	D. C. Middlekaniv P. C. Lynch James Sanguinetti Mrs. Martha Holman Mr. Morapha J. M. Chapin F. Montinello Henry Klinger G. Cavenero G. Cavenero	Louis Carmichen. Anton Canagnaro. Peter Dondero a Safdrey Navell. R. C. Gruwell R. C. Gruwell San Joaquin County Fifield estate A. D. Fifield a Two wells b Cost of well

 $a\ \mathrm{Two}\ \mathrm{wells}.$ $b\ \mathrm{Cost}\ \mathrm{of}\ \mathrm{well}\ \mathrm{and}\ \mathrm{equipment}\ \mathrm{combined}.$

Table 39.—Records of wells in San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Calaveras, and Alameda counties—Continued.

San Joaquin County—Continued.

Cost of machin- echin- ery.	\$125 125 5775 776 776 776
Cost of well.	\$100°.007
Yield.	Inches. s inches.
Use of water.	0.00 0.00
Method of lift.	Wind do do do do do do do do do
Tem- pera- ture of water.	68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 6
Depth to water level.	7.66 4.65 4.65 6.65
Depth of well.	76. 150. 150. 150. 150. 150. 150. 150. 150
Type and diameter of well.	Dug and bored. Dug, 4 feet. Dug, 4 feet. Dug, and bored. Dug, 4 feet. Dug, 5 by 3 feet. Dug, 3 by 3 feet. Dug, 3 and bored. Dug, 3 feet. Dug, 3 and bored. Dug, 3 feet. Dug, 4 feet. Dug, 5 feet. Dug, 6 feet. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 feet. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 feet. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 feet. Bored, 7 inches.
Year com- pleted.	1869 1880 1880 1880 1880 1898 1898 1898 189
Location.	Sec. 33, T. 2.N., R. 9 E. Sec. 37, T. 1.N., R. 8 E. Sec. 37, T. 1.N.,
Отпет.	P. C. Cassell Joe Potter J. F. Helms. J. F. Helms. Charles Cody. Mrs. D. Winship Morrell Bros. A. J. Brooke. R. Patterson. Do. Mrs. Ellen Groves. M. Delmas. M. S. Drais. W. T. Hewritt. San Joaquin County Hewlett & Hoult. Hewlett & Hoult. Hewlett & Hoult. Hewlett & Hoult. Hewlett & Griffin. J. Uriell. J. Uriell. J. Uriell. San Joaquin County W. G. Smith.

, .	10		10 to .											.10			
	445	904	375 285	9.5		490			7007					275			
	106.00 40.00 50.00	100.00	50.00 50.00	130 00		135.00			200.00					42.00			
	c 40			0.30	35.4			Small.	c 65		c 225	c 2	: :		c 10 c 15	c125	deep.
R. D,s	HHH		I D.s	I. D, S			S. S.	R. D,S		996	, , , , ,	zz	J	I	ZZ	 20	1,100 feet
Winddo	Gasdodo.	Ceased flowing Gas	do	Gas	do. Artesian	Gas. do Wind	op op	doArtesian and gas	Gas. do.	Hand. Wind.	Steam Wind	Artesiando	Gas	Gas	Artesiando	do	c Yield estimated or statement of owner taken. d Eleven wells, 8-20 inches in diameter and 200-1,100 feet deep.
					89	70	69	73		89		97 91			88 68	96	statem inches i
611	921	11.5	11 8 7.5	225	400	5245	00 00 00 00 00 00	2.8 0	112	10.8	12.9 9	00	10	12	00	001	mated or ells, 8–20
28	122 62 757	1,010	26 SI	885	1,080	. 25. 25. 25. 25. 25. 26.	100	40? 97 975	888	888	10 10 10 10	1,800 1,990	1,0007	125	1,750 1,498	2,078	ield estir leven w
Bored, 6 inches	Bored, 12 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored 8 inches	Bored, 8 inches	doBored, 4 inches	Bored, 8 inches	Bored, 7 inchesdo	Dug and bored Bored, 12 inches Bored, 7 inches	doBored, 4 inches	Bored, 7 inches Bored, 4 inches Bored, 7 inches	Bored, 8 inches Bored, 10 inches	Bored, 3½ inches	Bored, 7 inches	Bored, 12 inches Bored, 15 to 8	Bored, 8 inches ?	op	Bored, 12 to 9	Bored, 12 inches?	c Y d E
Old.	1906 1906 1904	1885? 1906	1905 1904 1894	1906 1871?	1900 Old.	1905 1906 1900	1900 Old.	Old. Old. 1880	1905 1903	Old.	1890	1893 1894	Old. 1900?	1900 ? 1906	1892 1895	1890 1903-4	
Sec. 11, T. 1 N., R. 7 E. Campo de los Fran-	do. do.	do do do	do	dodo	do	do do do	Sec. 27, T. 1 N., R. 7 E Campo de los Fran-	ceses. do do.	do do	Stockton do	do	dodo	op	Campo de los Fran-	Stocktondo	do	a Two wells. b Cost of well and equipment combined.
San Joaquin County	Frank Peirano. O. Lofquist. Fred Calosso.	James Budd. R. Junker. George Barbero.	Theodore Infelt. P. Repetti C. L. Box	A. L. Selna. Burkett ranch.	Marsh estate a. Mrs. S. Y. Strait.	James Kolero «. V. Lagorao. Philip Cavellero. W. Hollinbeck.	Do. San Joaquin County. Galgiana estate.	San Joaquin County. George Neilly W. E. Ladd	B. Sanguinnetti. George Pock a	G. Boscacci G. Boscacci Mr. Smith	S. Drageuta. Stockway Water Co. Julia Gaedke.	Stockton Gas & Flectric CoState Hospital for Insane	Do Do	Do. G. Scopesi	State Hospital for Insane Stockton Gas & Electric Co.	Citizens Gas Co. Stockton Water Co.a.	a Two wells. b Cost of well and

a Two wells. b Cost of well and equipment combined.

Table 39.—Records of wells in San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Calaveras, and Alameda counties—Continued.

San Joaquin County-Continued.

Cost of machin-	\$2275 40 125
Cost of well.	\$2,500.00 5,584.00 10,000.00
Yield.	Miner's inches. a 125 a 10 Small. a 50 a 15
Use of water.	D TUDOSUDI I O S B Baths.
Method of lift.	7. Artesian 94 do. 96 do. 07 do. Ceased flowing Artesian do. Ceased flowing Artesian do. Ceased flowing Artesian do. Gas Artesian Gas Wind Gas Wind Gas Wind Gas Go
Tem- pera- ture of water.	66 66 66 66 66 66 67 77 77 77 79 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70
Depth to water level.	Peet. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Depth of well.	76et. 1,786 1,786 1,786 1,786 1,528 1,528 1,528 1,600 2,078 1,600 1,720 1,003 1,720 1,003 1,720 1,003 1,720 2,000 2,000 2,000 1,000 2,000 2,000 2,000 1,000 2,000 2,000 2,000 1,000 2,000
Type and diameter Depth of well.	Bored. Bored.
Year com- pleted.	1904 1890 1890 1890 1890 1892 1890 1903 1893 1893 1893 1893 1893 1893 1893 189
Location.	Stockton. do do do do Campo de los Franceses, do
Оwneт.	Central Natural Gas Co. Citizens Gas Co. Citizens Gas Co. Citizens Gas Co. Stockton Gas & Electric Co. Bo. Do. Citizens Gas Co. Citizens Gas C

064	c 500 (1,	2, 1, 2, 45.0 45.0 900 900 900 900 900 900 900 9	
100.007	300.00	24. 00 123. 00 300. 00 20. 00 150. 00	
	a 50	a 20 a 2111 a 5 a 5 1000 1333 1000 455 8 455 8 7777	bined.
NHOWOUGUNGO!	NAMA NAMA	**************************************	nent com
Ceased flowing Wind do do Hand Hand Hoo Nor alsed Wind Gas	do. Gas	Gas do d	cost of well and equipment combined
65 65	88 489	77 77 65 88 88 89 89 89 89 89 89 89 89 89 89 89	တ္
64.0,4.0,0111 0.0.00 0.0.00 0.0.00	24.84.1.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.	\$	5
200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200	182 110 200 213 30 30 52 1,400 1,400 130 48	108 11, 200 1, 2	
7 inches. 6 inches. 8 inches. 7 inches. 7 inches. 7 inches. 7 inches. 7 inches.	12 inches 8 inches 8 inches? 12 inches 12 inches 13 inches 14 inches 17 inches 17 inches 17 inches 18 inches 18 inches 18 inches	d, 6 inches 11 li inches 12 li inches 12 li inches 12 li inches 17 li inches 17 li inches 18 li inches 19 li inches 11 li inches 11 li inches 12 linches 13 linches 14 inches 15 linches 16 inches 16 inches 17 linches 18 linches 19 linches 11 linches 11 linches 11 linches 12 linches 13 linches 14 linches 16 linches 16 linches 17 linches 18 linches 19 linches 11 linches 11 linches 11 linches 11 linches 12 linches 13 linches 14 linches 14 linches 16 linches 16 linches 17 linches 18 linches 19 linches 10 linches 11 linches 11 linches 11 linches 12 linches 13 linches 14 linches 14 linches 15 linches 16 linches 16 linches 17 linches 18 linches 19 linches 10 linches 10 linches 11 linches 11 linches 11 linches 12 linches 13 linches 14 linches 15 linches 16 linches 16 linches 17 linches 18 linches 19 linches 19 linches 10 linches 10 linches 11 linches 11 linches 11 linches 12 linches 13 linches 14 linches 15 linches 16 linches 17 linches 18 linches 19 linches 19 linches 10 linches 10 linches 11 linches 11 linches 12 linches 13 linches 14 linches 15 linches 16 linches 17 linches 18 linches 19 linches 10 linches 10 linches 11 linches 11 linches 12 linches 13 linches 14 linches 15 linches 16 linches 17 linches 18 linches 19 linches 19 linches 10 linches 10 linches 11 linches 11 linches 11 linches 12 linches 13 linches 14 linches 15 linches 16 linches 17 linches 18 linches 18 linches 19 linches 19 linches 19 linches 10 linches 10 linches 10 linches 10 linches 11 linches 11 linches 12 linches 13 linches 14 linches 15 linches 16 linches 17 linches 18 linches 18 linches 19 linches 19 linches 10 linches	Two wells
Bored, 7 Bored, 4 Bored, 4 Bored, 3 Bored, 7 Bored, 7 Bored, 7 Bored, 7 Bored, 3 Bored, 3 Bored, 3	Bored, 8 Bored, 8 Bored, 1 Bored, 2 Bored, 2 Bored, 1 Bored, 3 Bored, 3 Bored, 3 Bored, 4 Bored, 4 Bored, 4	Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 11 inches Bored, 21 inches Bored, 21 inches Bored, 21 inches Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Godon, 7 inches. Bored, 10 inches	
Old. 1898 1907 1907 Old. Old. 1903?	1903 1904 1904 1905 1890 Old. 1884 1897 1897	1906 1905 1905 1905 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906	B
Sec. 26, T. 1N., R. 6 E. Sec. 16, T. 1N., R. 6 E. do., T. 1N., R. 6 E. Sec. 19, T. 1N., R. 6 E. Sec. 5, T. 1N., R. 6 E. Sec. 24, T. 1N., R. 6 E. Sec. 23, T. 1N., R. 5 E. Sec. 29, T. 1N., R. 6 E. Campo de los Fran-	Sec. 17. 18. R. 6 E. Sec. 27. T. 18., R. 5 E. Sec. 19. T. 18., R. 5 E. Sec. 19. T. 18., R. 5 E. Sec. 19. T. 18., R. 6 E. Sec. 19. T. 18., R. 6 E. Sec. 19. T. 18., R. 6 E. Sec. 17. T. 18., R. 6 E.	Ceses.	or statement of owner taken.
C. B. McDougald. San Joaquin County J. J. Sober J. Seber Sacolod district Charles D. Puerst Land & Sales Co. Wood Bros. Wyod Bros. San Joaquin County A. Grunaur J. J. Gaguires.	S. A. Gaffney J. P. Wilson. J. P. Wilson. Lovenvo Hurd. William Brown. J. Williams. J. Williams. Frank H. Johnson. Do. Henry Meyers. J. F. Slankard. G. F. Slankard.	Nicola Greeco. W. J. Rhoades. J. A. McAfee Budelt Salmon Mrs. Nellie Counstock Mrs. Anna Ross. P. A. M. A. Mockman P. A. W. Lifchfield L. W. Holland Mrs. Garrison G. H. Shedd Mrs. Garrison G. H. Shedd Mrs. E. Muntet E. B. Olds. D. R. Reynolds. Mrs. E. F. Salmon E. Reynolds. Mrs. E. F. Salmon D. R. Reynolds. Mrs. E. F. Salmon D. O. Castle. M. Henry	Yield estimated

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

Table 39.—Records of wells in San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Calaveras, and Alameda counties—Continued.

San Joaquin County-Continued.

Cost of machin- chin- ery.	\$8800 2200 50 668 668 668 90 90 90
Cost of well.	25.0.00 25.0.00 25.0.00
Yield.	Miner's inches.
Use of water.	88888888888888888888888888888888888888
Method of lift,	Wind do. do. do. do. do. do. do. d
Tem- pera- ture of water.	69 69 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68
Depth to water level.	7.66. 11.1.1.08.8.05.5.5.5.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.
Depth of well.	25.00 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100
Type and diameter Depth of well.	Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 3 inches. Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 10 inches.
Year com- pleted.	1903 18857 18867 18867 18867 18867 18867 18867 18867 18867 18867 18867 18867 18867 18867 18907 1907 1907 1906 1906 1906
Location.	Sec. 20, T. 11.S., R. 8.E. Sec. 21, T. 1.S., R. 8.E. Sec. 23, T. 1.S., R. 8.E. Sec. 24, T. 1.S., R. 8.E. Sec. 25, T. 1.S., R. 8.E. Sec. 27, T. 1.S., R. 9.E. Sec. 27, T. 2.S., R. 8.E. Sec. 27, T. 2.S., R. 9.E. Sec. 27, T. 2.S.,
Owner.	M. N. Foster Abbert Due J. Demichelis a G. S. Hall G. W. Mourey B. F. Hall Miges estate Duels Cook Due estate Due estate E. Wagner G. E. Mindes E. Wagner G. E. Mindes E. Wagner Hram Jones estate Hram Jones estate Hram Jones estate A. H. Estother S. C. Fisher Sanda Fe Ry Co William Campbell Jones estate Mrs. Putchell Mrs. Eichoff J. S. Moulton. G. B. Matthews Dan C'Leerye J. B. Hardenson John Hall Mrs. Eichoff J. S. Moulton. J. B. Thorpe G. B. Matthews Dan C'Leerye J. W. Samson John Well J. B. Thorpe J. W. Samson John Swett W. J. Buchanan John Swett William Mozer William Mozer William Mozer William Mozer William Mozer

100	
15.00 125.00 125.00 125.00 127.00 128.00	
1	
Hand D S P P	
चै च च च च च च च च च च च च च च च च च च	
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
### ##################################	
T. 2.8., R. 7.E. 1905 Bored, 4 inches. T. 2.S., R. 7.E. 1905 Bored, 4 inches. T. 2.S., R. 6.E. 1909 Bored, 4 inches. T. 2.S., R. 6.E. 1900 Bored, 4 inches. T. 2.S., R. 6.E. 1900 Bored, 4 inches. T. 2.S., R. 6.E. 1904 Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. T. 2.S., R. 4.E. 1889 Bored, 6 inches. T. 2.S., R. 4.E. 1889 Bored, 6 inches. T. 2.S., R. 4.E. 1880 Bored, 6 inches. T. 2.S., R. 4.E. 1886 Bored, 7 inches. T. 2.S., R. 4.E. 1888 Bored, 7 inches. T. 2.S., R. 4.E. 1898 Bored, 7 inches. T. 2.S., R. 4.E. 1885 Bored, 7 inches. T. 2.S., R. 4.E. 1885 Bored, 6 inches. T. 2.S., R. 5.E. 1886 Bored, 6 inches. T. 2.S., R. 5.E. 1888 Bored, 7 inches. T. 2.S., R. 5.E. 1888 Bored, 8 inches. T. 2.S., R. 5.E. 1888	
1990 1990 1990 1990 1990 1899 1899 1899	
Sec. 11, 7.2 S., R. 7 E. Sec. 20, 7.2 S., R. 7 E. Sec. 21, 7.2 S., R. 6 E. Sec. 17, 7.2 S., R. 6 E. Sec. 21, 7.2 S., R. 4 E. Sec. 21, 7.2 S., R. 4 E. Sec. 21, 7.2 S., R. 4 E. Sec. 22, 7.2 S., R. 4 E. Sec. 23, 7.2 S., R. 4 E. Sec. 22, 7.2 S., R. 4 E. Sec. 23, 7.2 S., R. 5 E. Sec. 24, 7.2 S., R. 5 E. Sec. 25, 7.2 S., R. 5 E. Sec. 26, 7.2 S., R. 5 E. Sec. 26, 7.2 S., R. 5 E. Sec. 27, 7.2 S., R. 5 E. Sec. 27, 7.2 S., R. 5 E. Sec. 28, 7.2 S., R. 5	
Hals Bros. Mrs. B. MoMulin. J. W. Thompson estate Weet & Wilhoyt. H. B. Bright. H. B. Bright. G. W. Wetherby G. W. M. R. Bobbins McLaughlin & Co. Do. J. Thompson Mrs. B. Hewson. William Liendermann McLaughlin & Co. P. Hanson. Mrs. B. Hewson. William Liendermann McLaughlin & Co. P. Hanson. D. J. Trongen. H. Boltzen. H. Sale Co. Mrs. Siele Co. Mrs. Sie	

Table 39.—Records of wells in San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Calaveras, and Alameda counties—Continued.

San Joaquin County-Continued.

Cost of ma- chin- ery.	\$200 200 200 265 265	
Cost of well.	\$100.00 225.00 175.00 130.00 300.00 205.00	
Yield.	Minches.	
Use of water.	พลงพลงพลงพลงพลง พลงพลงพลงพลงพลง พลงพลงพลงพลงพลง พลงพลงพลงพลงพลงพลงพลงพลงพลงพลงพลงพลงพลงพ	
Method of lift.	Wind. do. do. do. do. do. do. do.	
Tem- pera- ture of water.	E.	
Depth to water level.	7-7-6-7. 17-6-	
Depth of well.	766. 204. 205. 205. 205. 205. 205. 205. 205. 205	ty.
Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches.	Contra Costa County.
Year com• pleted•	1882 1989 1986 1986 1986 1986 1886 1886 1886	
Location.	Sec. 8, T. 5.S., R. 5.E. Sec. 10, T. 3.S., R. 5.E. Sec. 10, T. 3.S., R. 5.E. Sec. 2, T. 3.S., R. 5.E. Sec. 2, T. 3.S., R. 6.E. Sec. 2, T. 3.S., R. 6.E. Sec. 13, T. 3.S., R. 6.E. Sec. 13, T. 3.S., R. 6.E. Sec. 13, T. 3.S., R. 5.E. Sec. 13, T. 3.S., R. 5.E. Sec. 13, T. 3.S., R. 5.E. Sec. 23, T. 3.S., R. 5.E. Sec. 26, T. 3.S., R. 6.E. Sec. 26, T. 3.S., R. 6.E. Sec. 17, T. 3.S., R. 6.E. Sec. 33, T. 3.S., R. 6.E.	
Оупет.	John Collins. School district. Brits, S. M. Schlossman J. Brits, St. M. Schlossman J. M. Schlossman J. W. Peterman J. W. Peterman J. W. Peterman Bert Ebe. Mrs. M. Schroeder C. Brandemen C. Brandemen C. Brandemen D. Gerlish C. Brandemen J. Britchgetto J. Gerlach J. Gerlach J. Gerlach John Ohm Jacob Ohm J. Britchgetto	

D,s.
do
Win
55.3
808
 Bored, 6 inches
1892 Old.
Los Medanos.
Mr. Hooper Do.

00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
20.00 20.00 36.00 52.00 50.00 50.00 50.00
mined.
Steam Db B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B
25.00 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2
\$280 \$280 \$280 \$280 \$280 \$280 \$280 \$280 \$280 \$280 \$380
Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches.
18917 18817 1892 1892 1892 1894 1902 1902 1903 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904
1994 1994 1994 1995
Pacific Coast Oil Co. C. A. Hooper Mr. Williamson Thomas Wallace J. H. Trythall Mrs. M. E. Evans S. T. Heimbach Mrs. Schultz Mrs. Schultz Mrs. Schultz Mrs. F. Porter estate F. E. Ens Mrs. F. M. Morton George Sellers Mrs. L. Barmen Mrs. M. E. Perec M. C. W. C. W. J. Estes W. C. W. Grageby W. F. Flere W. Googe Affritz & Co. W. J. Estes B. D. Griggsby D. G. King Marsh Grant Marsh Grant Marsh Grant Marsh Grant Marsh Grant Mrs. M. Grigsby M. A. Michaelson J. Q. Wrem J. S. Netherton V. Taylor W. M. Chilson W. M. Chilson W. M. Plumley W. M. Plumley W. M. Ruthingham a Yield estimates

Table 39.—Records of wells in San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Calaveras, and Alameda counties—Continued.

Contra Costa County-Continued.

Owner.	Location.	Year com- pleted.	Type and diameter Depth to pera- of well. of well. level. water	Depth of well.	Depth to water level.	Tem- pera- ture of water.	Method of lift.	Use of water,	Use of Water,	Cost of well.	Cost of machine
N. Peterman W. W. Stone B. Nelson Mrs. M. Schnidt E. M. Anderson Mrs. M. Klesow H. Bruns. C. F. Wright Fabian & Co.	Sec. 11, T. 1S., R. 3 E. 19 Sec. 10, T. 1S., R. 3 E. 18 Sec. 4, T. 1S., R. 3 E. 18 Sec. 22, T. 1S., R. 3 E. 18 Sec. 26, T. 1S., R. 3 E. 18 Sec. 26, T. 1S., R. 4 E. 18 Sec. 30, T. 1S., R. 4 E. 18	05 95 361 711 711	Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Dug, 4 feet. Dug, 3 feet. Dug, 3 feet.	Feet. 21 21 60 46 45 30 42 42	Feet. 13 14.5 30 30	69 P	e F. Gas. Lander's inches. S90.00 and G2 Wind D.S. G2 Wind D.S. G2 G2 G4 G0 D.S. G3 G4	n	Miner's inches. a 110	Miner's mehrs. 1. mehrs. 2. 00 2. 00 3. 00 4. 00 5. 00 6. 00 6. 00 7. 00 7. 00 8. 00 9.	\$600 104 130
			Calaveras County.								
B. L. Peterson Bhodas & Co	Sec.14, T.2N., R.10E. 1890	1890	Bored, 6 inches	315			160 Wind D. 160 Not raised N	AZ			

_	_ : :		_ : :
			Small.
	D'S		ಬಬಬ
	160 Wind D. 160 Not raised N. Wind D. S. D		Artesian Wind do
			69
			0 62
	315 850? 110		200
	Bored, 6 inches Bored, 13 inches Dug, 4 feet	Alameda County.	Bored, 4 inches Dug, 4 feet
	1890 1901 1890		1902 Old.
	Sec. 14, T.2N., R. 10 E. Sec. 10, T.2N., R. 10 E. Sec. 9, T. 2N., R. 10 E.		Sec. 20, T. 2 S., R. 4 E. Sec. 6, T. 2 S., R. 4 E. Sec. 36, T. 1 S., R. 4 E.
	R. L. Peterson Sec. 14, T.2N., R. 10 E. 1890 Bored, 6 inches Rhodes & Co. Sec. 10, T.2N., R. 10 E. 1901 Bored, 13 inches B. F. Gall. Sec. 9, T. 2N., R. 10 E. 1890 Dug, 4 feet		James Faulkner Sec. 20, T. 2 S., R. 4 E. Bored 4 inches 200 0 69 Artesian Sc. 30, T. 2 S., R. 4 E. 1902 Dug, 4 feet 74 62 Wind Sc. 30, T. 1 S., R. 4 E. Sc. 30, T. 1 S., R. 4 E. Old. Dug, 4 feet Dug, 4 feet Artesian Sc. 30, T. 1 S., R. 4 E. Sc. 30, T.

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

STANISLAUS COUNTY.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

Stanislaus County, like Merced, extends entirely across San Joaquin Valley, and therefore both east-side and west-side conditions are represented within it. The valley in this latitude is contracted somewhat, so that its width is greater both to the north and to the south than here.

South of Tuolumne River and east of the San Joaquin, the canals of the Turlock irrigation district supply gravity water to a large part of the valley; and north of the Tuolumne the canals of the Modesto district supply the west-central part of the county from a point about 8 miles east of Modesto to San Joaquin River. West of the San Joaquin the lower line of the San Joaquin and Kings River canal system extends to the vicinity of Crows Landing. Under these canal systems much alfalfa is raised, dairying is an important and growing industry, and there is an increasing acreage devoted to fruit raising and diversified farming. Outside of the irrigated district the greater part of the valley lands are in grain, both wheat and barley being raised, although here, as in other parts of the Great Valley, the production is less than formerly. Along the San Joaquin the flooded bottoms and the neighboring alkali lands are used for grazing.

Less use is made of ground waters in this county than in any other part of the valley. The rainfall is sufficient, so that grain raising has been successful in the past, and irrigation has not been absolutely necessary in order that the valley lands might be utilized. The pressure for irrigation therefore has not been so intense as in the more strictly arid sections farther south. Furthermore, the surface supply is more nearly adequate than in many of the counties, and the limits of productivity through the use of the cheap gravity waters have not been reached, because the Turlock and Modesto districts are not yet fully developed. Because of this large supply of surface water and its as yet incomplete utilization little interest has been taken heretofore in the development and use of ground waters.

FLOWING WELLS.

The Survey has records of only five flowing wells in the county. These are near the southern boundary, and most of them are west of San Joaquin River. Only one, that on the McDermott estate, northeast of Newman, is used for irrigation. The others furnish supplies for stock.

Because of the meager development, the limits of the area within which flowing waters are to be expected has not been determined with certainty. Nor are these limits of as much importance here as

farther south in the valley, because the flowing wells will yield rather meagerly, their waters will be of poor quality generally, and the flowing-well area will be confined to a zone of low land along the axis of the valley, much of which is subject to overflow and some of which is alkaline.

The settlers along the west side—owners of fertile, alkali-free soils, capable of immense production if water could be applied to them, but practically limited under present conditions to dry crops—are as a matter of course deeply interested in the possibility of securing irrigation water from any source. The streams that flow from the west-side hills toward the valley are wet-weather streams of slight flow and can not be considered as sources of irrigation water.

The San Joaquin and Kings River canal system may be capable of slight extension when irrigation practice on the lands under it improves; but at best it can serve only a small additional acreage. It is probable that pumping systems will eventually be installed to lift water directly from the San Joaquin to apply to those west-side lands that are within 40 or 50 feet of the low-water level in the river. Pumping plants may also be installed in the lower west-side lands to pump ground waters, but the lift will be nearly as great as from the river and the water will be of inferior quality, since all of the west-side ground waters contain notable quantities of salts and some of them approach the limit of usability for irrigation.

PUMPING PLANTS.

Pumping plants for irrigation were practically unknown in this county in 1906, when this investigation was made, but one or two being in operation. They are used, however, to supply the stations of the Pacific Coast Oil Co., the railroads, and the domestic supply for the city of Modesto. Ground waters are accessible with moderate lifts throughout the west half of the east slope of the valley, and as irrigation progresses under the gravity systems and the water plane rises, their development will become increasingly desirable as a means of drainage as well as a source of auxiliary or independent irrigation supply. That intensive cultivation and careful methods will make it as practicable here as it is elsewhere in the valley scarcely needs affirmation.

QUALITY OF GROUND WATER.

Though little land in Stanislaus County is irrigated by pumping it is apparent from conditions north and south of this county that ground water of good quality can be procured from wells 100 to 1,000 feet deep in the territory indicated as east of line C'C' in Plate II (in pocket). Those that were tested average about 300 parts per

million in total solids and 140 parts in total hardness, and nearly all are classed as good for irrigation; they would form some scale in boilers, but they are not corrosive and would not cause foaming. Waters deeper than 1,200 feet are probably salty. As no wells more than 200 feet deep on the east side of the county could be tested, the composition of the deep waters between San Joaquin River and the location shown by line C'C' is unknown. Some of the supplies from wells 30 to 100 feet deep west and south of Modesto and close to the axis are high in chlorides, and those from wells 300 to 600 feet deep in Stevinson Colony are salty, as is also that from the 480-foot well at Crows Landing. Any artesian waters in Stanislaus County, therefore, would probably be salty and would range from fair to bad for irrigation, according to their concentration.

The west-side waters are irregular in composition, except that all contain notable amounts of sulphate. All those tested near Newman are highly mineralized sodium chloride waters of poor quality, the shallow supplies not being essentially different from those at 300 to 400 feet. Several waters with carbonate predominating were found at Crows Landing and at Westley, but they would also deposit large quantities of hard scale in boilers. No supplies that would be considered unfit for irrigation were found north of Newman, though the artesian supply near Crows Landing is of rather doubtful quality. Water from wells 80 to 300 or 400 feet deep west of the artesian area could probably be utilized for irrigation. The water from San

Joaquin River is acceptable for irrigation.

Tables 40 and 41 indicate the composition and usefulness of the ground waters in Stanislaus County that were analyzed or assayed.

WELL RECORDS.

The data assembled in the following tables of wells in Stanislaus County were secured by W. N. White in 1906, and therefore do not record developments since that date.

Table 42.—Records of wells in Stanislaus County.

Cost of ma-	\$160 b 400 1125 26 50 1000 1175
Cost of well.	\$110 52 26 280 280
Yield.	Minches.
Use of water.a	50000000000000000000000000000000000000
Method of lift.	Wind. do. do. do. do. do. do. do.
Tem- pera- ture of water.	• F. 69 70 70 61
Depth to water.	766. 152. 152. 152. 153. 165. 166. 166. 166. 166. 166. 166. 166
Depth of well.	7.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1
Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 4 inches. Dug, 5 feet. Dug, 7 feet. Dug, 4 feet. Dug, 4 feet. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Dug, 4 feet. Dug, 3 feet. Dug, 5 feet. Dug, 6 feet. Dug, 7 feet. Dug, 8 feet.
Year com- pleted.	1882 1994 1904 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906
Location.	Sec. 3, T. 1. N., R. 10 E. Sec. 33, T. 1. N., R. 10 E. Sec. 10, T. 1. S., R. 10 E. Sec. 10, T. 1. S., R. 10 E. Sec. 10, T. 1. S., R. 10 E. Sec. 23, T. 1. S., R. 10 E. Sec. 33, T. 1. S., R. 10 E. Sec. 34, T. 1. S., R. 10 E. Sec. 34, T. 1. S., R. 11 E. Sec. 37, T. 2. S., R. 11 E. Sec
О мпет.	Rhodes Bros. Henry McDevitt. D. E. Kelliher Luke Nolan P. L. Ford Mr. Aldrich. Mr. Spanker Richard Stelek S. F. Gapps. R. F. Gapps. R. F. Gapps. B. Williams. J. D. Bently L. C. Walter. William N. Adams. I. H. Wowyt Mrs. Kearney. L. C. Walter. William N. Adams. I. H. Mowyt Mrs. Kearney. I. H. L. L. L. L. Cottle. J. M. A. Cottle. J. M. Ames. J. M. Harsy J. W. Werlugh.

180 112 123 123 123 123 123 124 125 125 125 125 125 125 125 125 125 125
6 1
1 i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i
HUNG HUNG HUNG HUNG HUNG HUNG HUNG HUNG
do d
23 288 8 8 8 2 28
06 # 20 <
+ + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +
Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 1 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 9 inches. Bored, 7 inches.
18977 18977 18977 18977 1888 1888 1888 1
Sec. 23, 77.2 S., R. 10 E. Sec. 23, 77.2 S., R. 10 E. Sec. 23, 77.2 S., R. 9 E. Sec. 23, 77.2 S., R. 8 E. Sec. 24, 77.3 S., R. 8 E. Sec. 25, 77.3 S., R. 8 E. Sec. 25, 77.3 S., R. 8 E. Sec. 27, 77.3 S., R. 9 E. Nodesto. Nodesto. Sec. 27, 73.5 S., R. 9 E. Sec. 27, 73.5 S., R. 9 E. Nodesto. Sec. 27, 73.5 S., R. 9 E. Nodesto. Sec. 27, 73.5 S., R. 9 E. Sec. 27, 73.5 S., R. 9 E. Nodesto.
F. H. Heckman R. J. McKimmon O. Snedigar M. J. Kline Frank Bannett I. S. Hughes L. P. Bacobson L. P. Bacobson L. P. Bacobson L. P. Harves R. L. Miller J. E. Kernan M. H. Pierson J. M. Nolson A. Gates J. M. Nolson A. Gates J. M. Malson Mrs. J. W. Hawley Samuel Gates W. G. Adams Mrs. J. W. Hawley W. G. Adams J. M. Beckoveth W. B. Bacon W. W. B. Bacon W. W. W. Beckoveth W. W. W. W. Beckoveth W. W

a D, domestic; S, stock; I, irrigation; B, bollers; N, not used. b Cost of well and equipment combined. c Dug well 33 feet deep; three 12-inch wells 195 feet deep.

d Yield estimated or statement of owner taken. • Dug well 32 feet deep; with 10-inch well in bottom 154 feet deep.

Table 42.—Records of wells in Stanislaus County—Continued.

Cost of ma- chin- ery.	88 84 85 87 87 87 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88
Cost of well.	\$90 72 86
Yield.	Miner's inches.
Use of water.	80000000000000000000000000000000000000
Method of lift.	Wind Go. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go
Tem- pera- ture of water.	69 69 70 70 70 69 69 69 69 69 69 69 69 69 69 69 69 69
Depth to water.	756. 20. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2.
Depth of well.	### ### ##############################
Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 7 inches. Dug, 5 by 5 feet. Bored, 7 inches. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do
Year com- pleted.	01d. 18867 18867 19904 19905 1
Location.	Sec. 7, 7.3 S., R. 9 E. Sec. 17, 73 S., R. 9 E. Sec. 11, 73 S., R. 9 E. Sec. 11, 73 S., R. 9 E. Sec. 11, 73 S., R. 9 E. Sec. 23, 73 S., R. 9 E. Sec. 36, 73 S., R. 10 E. Sec. 37, 73 S., R. 11 E. Sec. 37, 74 S., R. 12 E.
Оwder.	B. Coffee H. W. Patterson Cole school district Anna M. Halverson Samuel K. Anderson Samuel K. Anderson Shan A. Halverson M. C. Keeley H. M. Graham. George H. Flanders J. A. Saferie Garner school district. Mary A. Torbert G. J. Bentley H. P. Crow Mary A. Torbert G. J. Bentley H. P. Dinkleman. Milnes school district. S. Spyres G. P. Schafer F. H. Dinkleman. Milnes school district. W. H. Palmer George Leelert George Leelert George Leelert George Leelert George Leelert T. K. Beand Do. Annes Mr. Hawkins Mr. Hawkins Jacob Oleson Dickinson school district.

1588 1285 1888 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 1
105 1105 1106 1104 1147
\$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\
##################################
\$128855188888888888888888888888888888888
+ : + : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
do d
18826 18826 18826 18826 18886 18886 18886 18886 18887
880. 23, 71.4 8.8, R.12 E. 880. 23, 71.4 8.8, R.12 E. 880. 23, 71.4 8.8, R.12 E. 880. 23, 71.4 8.8, R.11 E. 880. 24, 71.4 8.8, R.11 E. 880. 25, 71.4 8.8, R.11 E. 880. 27, 71.4 8.8, R.11 E. 880. 27, 71.4 8.8, R.11 E. 880. 27, 71.4 8.8, R.11 E. 880. 23, 71.4 8.8, R.11 E. 880. 23, 71.4 8.8, R.10 E.
Fox Pox Dolan estate Dolan estate A. J. Barnes Charles Swan W. G. Bledscos James B. Wallis W. W. Hall Clark Bradley Clark Bradley Clark Bradley Do.

a Cost of well and equipment combined.

Table 42.—Records of wells in Stanislaus County—Continued.

Cost of machine ery.	\$550 755 755 756 756 756 756 756 756 756 756
Cost of well.	35 35 35 77 77 170 110 110 110 110 110
Yield.	inches.
Use of water.	99999999999999999999999999999999999999
Method of lift.	Hand Wind Hand do Wind do Wind do do do do do do do do do
Tem- pera- ture of water.	
Depth to water.	76.0.1.0.0.1.0.0.1.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.
Depth of well.	7.55.7.25.5.25.5.25.5.25.5.25.5.25.5.25
Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 7 inches. do,
Year com- pleted.	1905 18887 18887 1903 18902 18902 1901 1901 1901 1887 1887 1887 1887 1887 1887 1887 18
Location.	Sec. 26, T. 4. S., R. 9. E. Sec. 34, T. 4. S., R. 9. E. Sec. 33, T. 4. S., R. 9. E. Sec. 33, T. 4. S., R. 9. E. Sec. 33, T. 4. S., R. 9. E. Sec. 37, T. 4. S., R. 9. E. Sec. 37, T. 4. S., R. 8. E. Sec. 36, T. 4. S., R. 8. E. Sec. 37, T. 5. S., R. 7. E. Se
Оwner.	W. V. Morris Mrs. W. C. Elliott A. N. Silvera A. N. Silvera J. L. Dunn F. C. Chapman F. C. Chapman T. C. Batchelder District school Union Savings Bank G. W. Moore estate Ed. Brish. O. H. Halverson Thomas Coswell J. M. Moyle. S. Elbrish. Osman Johnson S. Elbrish. S. Elbrish. S. Elbrish. Osman Johnson S. Elbrish. Osman Johnson S. Elbrish. J. M. Moyle. C. B. Taylor S. Elbrish. S. Elbrish. J. M. Moyle. C. B. Taylor S. Elbrish. J. M. Andromald G. M. Hammond J. M. Hammond J. M. Hammond Elmer H. Baldwin M. Rogers. John Outher. Mrs. B. Morton. Prackie Cost of 100.

SIIIVISENOS GOUNTI.	200
F 12 38 13	•
Upwananananananananananananananananananan	vells.
Wind. do d	
38 138 138 138 138 138 138 138 138 138 1	•
08888248101014448811011117705888888888888888888888888888	
\$\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}\frac{8}{8}\frac{8}	ł
Bored, 11 inches Bored, 7 inches do	(6)
1885 1886 1886 1886 1986 1986 1986 1986 1986	ed.
Sec. 6, T. 6. 8, R. 8 E. Sec. 7, T. 6. 8, R. 8 E. Sec. 10, T. 6. 8, R. 8 E. Sec. 10, T. 6. 8, R. 8 E. Od. 60 Sec. 17, T. 6. 8, R. 8 E. Sec. 27, T. 8, R. 8 E. Sec. 37, T. 8, R. 8 E. Sec. 37, T. 8, R. 8 E. Sec. 37, T. 8, R. 8 E. Sec. 26, T. 7 S, R. 8 E. Sec. 27, T. 7 S, R. 8 E. Del Puerto Orestimba. do do Del Puerto Orestimba. do do Sec. 7, T. 7 S, R. 9 E. Sec. 17, T. 8, R. 9 E. Sec. 18, T. 8, R. 9 E. Sec. 18, T. 8, R. 9 E. Sec. 18, T. 8, R. 9 E. Sec. 19, T. 7 S, R. 9 E.	ost of well and equipment combined
A. D. Ellers. Mr. Love State. Mr. Love State. L. McCauley. E. Marshall B. B. Marshall H. F. Hoskin. Crow estate. George Fink. J. H. Ellers. J. W. Witten. John Barber. Mr. Stonesypher. John Blond. C. Jensen. G. Savage. Newman. C. Jensen. H. E. Kinklaid Frank Dennis G. Savage. Newman. Wewman. H. Sado. D. D. D. D. D. D. D. Savage. Newman. H. Sado. A. Barbour. B. Oleson. A. Wechlersons. Wechlersons. Ween & Co. Central skotol district. D. H. Holland.	, z

a Cost of well and equipment combined.

Table 42.—Records of wells in Stanislaus County—Continued.

0		GROUND WATER IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY.
	Cost of machine	\$550 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
	Cost of well.	36 30 30 44 90
	Yield.	Miner's inches.
	Use of water.a	S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S
	Method of lift.	Wind Not raised Not raised Wind Artesian Hand do do Wind do do do do do do do do do
	Tem- pera- ture of water.	* 14
	Depth to water.	78.01.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.
	Depth of well.	+ 155 98 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88
	Type and diameter Depth of well.	Bored, 7 inches. Dug, 3 feet. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Go,
	Year com- pleted.	18867 001d. 1905 1905 1905 1905 1905 18847 1905 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1907 1907 1906 1907 1907 1907 1907 1907 1907 1907 1907
	Location.	Sec. 12, T. 5.5, R. 9.E. Sec. 25, T. 5.S., R. 9.E. Sec. 27, T. 5.S., R. 9.E. Sec. 20, T. 5.S., R. 9.E. Sec. 20, T. 5.S., R. 9.E. Sec. 27, T. 5.S., R. 9.E. Sec. 27, T. 5.S., R. 9.E. Sec. 37, T. 5.S., R. 9.E. Sec. 37, T. 5.S., R. 10.E.
	Owner.	John Service A. Hecht. Do. O. C. Doken. Woods estate Doyler Signer The Company of

:8:::::8
is
00000000000000000000000000000000000000
Wind. do. do. do. do. do.
88
05 02 19 19 19 88 88 4.88
+ 8888461 8
Old. Bored, 7 inches. + 60
Old. 1891 18767 18817 18807
Sec. 4, T. 5 S., R. 11 E Sec. 20, T. 5 S., R. 11 E Sec. 16, T. 5 S., R. 11 E Sec. 16, T. 5 S., R. 11 E Sec. 10, T. 5 S., R. 11 E Sec. 11, T. 5 S., R. 11 E
Nevin Bros. Fletcher Kyer. H. C. Hyde. Raiph Giodings John Anderson Mr. Hickman.

 \boldsymbol{a} Cost of well and equipment combined.

taken.	
owner	
o	
statement	
9	
estimated	
b Yield	

MERCED COUNTY.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

Merced County extends entirely across the San Joaquin Valley and thus includes both east-side and west-side territory. The gradual amelioration northward of the aridity of the south end of the San Joaquin Valley becomes noticeable at this latitude; hence, the raising of grain without irrigation, which is possible on the east side as far south as Fresno County, is usually successful on the west side in the northern part of Merced County.

Irrigation by surface water is accomplished principally by the utilization of San Joaquin and Merced rivers. The lower line of the San Joaquin and Kings River canal, which leaves the river near Mendota in Fresno County, extends entirely across the west side of Merced County and into Stanislaus County. The high-line canal of the same system also extends from the southern to within a few miles of the northern edge of the county. This irrigation work commands the larger portion of the west-side plain. The zone of unwatered land, between the high-line canal and the foothills, is relatively narrow.

The most important east-side system is the Crocker-Huffman canal, which taps Merced River about 2 miles below Merced Falls and serves an extensive section east and north of the county seat. The Stevinson-Mitchell canal heads in San Joaquin River about 14 miles southwest of Merced and commands a belt from 3 to 4 miles wide between this point and the mouth of Merced River. The principal settlement below this canal, the Stevinson Colony, is between the lower Merced and the San Joaquin.

North of Merced River, the Turlock irrigation district extends into Merced County from Tuolumne County, in which lie the greater part of the lands covered by the system. In addition to these major systems, there are a number of minor canals along the Merced River bottoms. On the whole, however, the county is thinly settled and but a small portion of it is under irrigation. Perhaps three-fourths of the valley lands are devoted to dry farming, the production of hay and grain, or to pasturage.

The territory east and north of Merced, the Plainsburg and Le Grand districts in the southeastern part of the county, much of the foothill area, and the greater part of the strip on the north side of Merced River are producing hay and grain, while the greater part of the area between the main line of the Southern Pacific Co. and San Joaquin River is in pasture. Part of this pasture land was at one time tilled, but for various reasons, among them the rise of alkali, tillage has ceased, and the lands have been returned to pasture. On the west side the strip above the canals and between them and the

hills is generally in grain from Dos Palos northward. South of Dos Palos this strip is utilized principally as sheep range.

FLOWING WELLS.

The use of ground waters, like surface irrigation, is more usual in Merced than in Madera County, although it has not as yet become extensive in either county. The total number of flowing wells in the county is between 125 and 150. The greater number of these wells are shallow, from 100 to 400 feet deep, and their yield is correspondingly small. As the most of them were drilled twenty or twenty-five years ago, not for irrigation but for domestic purposes and for stock, they fulfill the function for which they were intended. Of the 130 or 135 flowing wells of which the Geological Survey has records, but 15 are reported as used for irrigation, and even these are generally used on a small alfalfa patch or garden of but little importance. The total yield of all the flowing wells in the county is estimated at less than 8 second-feet. That large yields may be secured is indicated by the experience of the Crocker-Huffman Land and Water Co. in sinking a 2,000-foot test well for oil in the spring of 1902 in sec. 15, T. 7 S., R. 13 E. No oil was found, but this well, although near the eastern edge of the flowing well area, as indicated by the shallow developments to date, yielded what is reported to have been the largest flow in the Merced district. When the casing was pulled the flow ceased, doubtless because of leakage into the upper strata. Practically all the flowing wells in the county are south and west of Merced and Livingston and east of Los Banos and South Dos Palos. Though there are many wells of this type 250 to 700 feet deep, they are principally for stock and domestic use, as the San Joaquin and Kings River canal system supplies plenty of cheap gravity water to this district.

PUMPING PLANTS.

There are between 40 and 50 pumping plants in the county, most of them equipped with gas engines. More than half of these are used to develop irrigating waters, and the remainder are used chiefly for domestic or town supplies. Grain, fruit, alfalfa, berries, sweet potatoes, etc., are the principal crops raised by the ranchers, who use pumping plants for irrigation. They express themselves as satisfied with the results and convinced that pump irrigation in many parts of Merced County may be made highly successful.

In the Atwater and Livingston districts, as well as about Plainsburg and Le Grand, plants have already proved practicable. Throughout much of the east side, to the west, south, and east of Merced, the ground-water level is within 20 feet or less of the surface, and where

soils are favorable such accessible ground waters may be utilized to advantage in pumping operations.

Merced, like other east-side counties, includes a belt between the trough of the valley and the foothills that contains more or less alkali because of the proximity of the ground water to the surface. certain parts of this belt the content of alkali has increased in recent years as the result of irrigation by means of gravity water supplied by the Crocker-Huffman system. In such areas, if the lands are still productive, pumping, either as an independent source of irrigation water or as an auxiliary to the gravity system, is most to be desired. It results in benefit to the community in several ways. In the first place it is a method of drainage. The water that is supplied to the land is drawn from beneath it. The tendency of the ground waters to rise with irrigation is thereby counteracted and the ground water level is kept down. In the second place there is no overuse. Each acre-foot of water developed costs a fixed sum. Under these conditions more will not be used than is needed and the usual tendency of the ground-water plane to rise with irrigation will not be manifest. Again, pumping and the use of relatively high-priced water encourages intensive cultivation and this again reduces the quantity of water necessary. Frequent cultivation and the creation thereby of a mulch at the surface has long been recognized as one of the effective means of prevention of loss of water by evaporation from the surface. Whether lands already damaged by alkali as a result of the application of too much water can be reclaimed and utilized by pumping under the economic conditions that now exist is an unsettled question; but there is no doubt that the irrigation of undamaged lands whose water plane lies within 20 or 25 feet can be carried out successfully where intensive farming methods are used, and that the rise of alkalies in such lands will be prevented.

QUALITY OF WATER.

The east-side waters from wells 15 to 700 feet deep, ranging from 100 to 600 parts, average about 200 parts per million in their content of mineral matter. Though they differ considerably from each other in concentration those away from the trough are generally calcium carbonate waters good for irrigation and good to poor for boilers. Wells 100 to 1,000 feet deep in the territory indicated as lying east of line C'C' on Plate II would probably yield water of the character just described. No apparent general difference in quality exists between the shallow waters and those down as far as 600 or 700 feet, though local differences of some magnitude are observable. For example, comparison of analyses (Tables 43 and 44) indicates that shallow waters at Merced are poorer than the deeper ones. Water

Mrs. Desmarais. Anna D. Ehlers. Do. J. F. Chamberlain Miller & Lux E. B. Fowler E. P. Tyler August Tetzlaff John Furtado Do. California Pastural & Agric W. Whelan J. L. Gillette T. B. Stribling George D. Bliss Ge. L. Hake	N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C.	12 18 20 18 17 50 80 40 35 12 30 80 140 140 100 80 80	Moderate do Good Do
U. 17. 11.0EU	1.0.	30	

a C., cc c Three wells 172, 292, and 320 feet deep.

		Classific	ation.		
Owner.) Mineral content.	Chemical character.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irrigation.	Analyst.
A. J. Hulen A. Erickson Pacific Coast Oil Co. Do.	Oct.do Mayligh	Na-CO ₃ Na-SO ₄	do Very bad	Fair	Pacific Coast Oil Co.
Do	May.do Augloderate Oct.ligh Oct.do	do Na-CO ₃ Na-Cl Ca-Cl	do Fair Very bad Bad	Poor Good Poor	Do. Southern Pacific Co. F. M. Eaton. Do.
Agricultural Co. Miller & Lux Santa Fe Ry. Co	Nov.do	do Ca-CO	Fair Poor	do	Do. Kennicott Water Sof tener Co.
Do Fresno Consumers Ice Co. Do	Jan.[igh	do	Bad	Fair	Do. Smith, Emery & Co.

; second at 95 to 220 feet depth.



Table 43.—Field assays of ground waters in Merced County. [Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

							minod ext	epr as orac	n wise dest	Energedil									
			Locatio	n.			Deter	nined qua	ntitles.			Comp	outed quar	ntities.			Classifi	ration.	
Owner,	Date, 1910.	Sec.	т.	R.	Depth of well (feet).	Carbon- ate radicle (CO ₂).	Bicarbon- ate radicle (HCO ₃),	Sulphate radicle (SO ₄).	Chlorine (Cl).	Total hardness as CaCO ₃ .	Total solids.	Scale- forming ingredi- ents (s).	Framing ingredi- ents (f),	Probabil- ity of corrosions (c).	coefficient	Mineral content.	Chemicai character.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irri- gation.
John Chron. John Chron. A. O. Worthington J. L. Hislo. Ingonin school district A. J. Hislo. A. J. School Course Wagner A. J. School Course Wagner B. J. Tulky H. School J. J. School B. J. Tulky H. School J. J. School B. J. J. School B. J.	100 100	24 4 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	9 S.	9 E 9 E 9 9 E 9 9 E 9 9 E 9 E 9 9 E 9 E	SELECTION OF THE SECOND OF THE	or the order of the order of the order ord	100 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000	공학문학교 및 무료 및 무료 및 무료 및 무료 및 무료 및 모르고 및	######################################	220 20 21 21 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22	400 400 400 400 400 400 400 400 400 400	200 1200 1200 1200 1200 1200 1200 1200	100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	C	10 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Moderate Very high High High High High High High High	do	Very bad, conditions of the condition of	Fair. Good. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do

a C., corrosive; N. C., noncorrosive; ?, corrosion uncertain or doubtful.

b Artesian well; depth not given, probably over 500 feet.

c Three wells 172, 292, and 320 feet deep.

Table 44.—Mineral analyses of ground waters in Merced County. (Parts per million except as otherwise designated.)

			Locatio	a.					De	etermined	quantiti	os.				Cor	mputed	quantitie	78.		Classific	ation.		
Owner.	Date	Sec.	T.	R.	Daptb of woli (feet).	Silica (SiO ₂).	Iron (Fo).	Cal- clum (Ca),	Magne- sium (Mg).	Sodium end potas- sium (Na+K).	Car- bounte radicle (CO ₂),	Blear- bonate radicle (HCO ₅).	Sul- phate radicle (SO ₄).	Chlo- rine (Cl).	Total solids.	forming				Mineral content.	Chemical character.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irrigation.	Analyst.
A. J. Hulen. A. Erickson Pacific Coast Oil Co. Do. Do. Southern Pacific Co. Miller & Lux John Kincaid California Pastural & Agricultural Co.	May 29,1909 May 29,1909 May 29,1909 Aug., 1900 Oct. 14,1910 Oct. 31,1910 Oct. 14,1910	36 36 25 14 10 6	9 S 9 S 9 S 10 S 10 S	10 E 10 E 10 E 11 E 11 E 12 E 14 E	84 350 350 660 97 372 75 283	e 32 e 59 e 36 e 59	1.00 .40 .15	66 51 16 38	19 3.5 8 45 22 6 5.8 52 3.7	\$ 16 \$ 52 310 323 490 31 \$ 520 \$ 49 \$ 25	48 Tr. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 26	71 132 179 266 333 85 137 142 24	45 0 621 567 537 7 441 45 0	58 51 139 220 372 39 481 433 22	314 232 1,170 1,351 1,681 200 1,616 1,118 168	180 120 280 330 220 115 150 400 85	40 140 840 870 1,350 85 1,200 403 70	N. C. N. C. C. N. C.	7.4 4.5 45 4.2 4.7 37	do Moderate Highdo Moderate	Na-CO ₃ Na-SO ₄ do do Na-CO ₈ Na-Cl Na-CO ₈	Very baddodo Fair. Very bad Bad Good	FairdoPourGoodPoordoGood	Southern Pacific Co. F. M. Eaton. Do. Do.
Miller & Lux	Nov. 4,1902	Sanjo 19	ndeSet	taRita 14 E	320	c 82	25	19 54	2. 1 33	5 44 10	3.6 0	107 240	7.0 21	35 51	218 369	110 300	120 30	N. C.	40	do	do Ca-CO	1.001		topor Co
Ice Co.	Jan. 17,1910	19	78	14 E	1	¢ 35		34 100	9 60	22 33	0	160 521	24 32	9 125	212 781	150 450	60 140	N. C.	75 16	do High	do	Fair Bad	Fair	Smith, Emery & Co.
Do	do	19	78	14 E	(d)		#1 8	21	5	3	0	78	Tr.	12	230	100	10	?	170	Moderate	do	Go >1	Good	Do.

C., corrosive; N. C., noncorrosive; ?, corrosion uncertain or doubtful.
 Computed.
 Including oxides of iron and aluminum.

from wells deeper than 700 feet could not be tested, but it is probable that borings more than 1,200 feet deep in the valley part of the county would yield salty or brackish water. It is reported that a 2,000-foot well in sec. 15, T. 7 S., R. 13 E., yielded soft water of fine quality, but it is probable that the water was strongly saline; no analyses of it are available, and the hole filled after removal of the easing.

Calcium carbonate waters are found along the east edge of the flowing-well area, but the supplies gradually become poorer toward the axis of the valley because of increasing predominance of the alkalies, so that many of those near San Joaquin River are poor to bad for irrigation. Artesian wells 300 to 600 feet deep in Tps. 6 S., R. 9 E.; 6 S., R. 10 E.; 7 S., R. 9 E.; 7 S., R. 10 E.; 7 S., R. 11 E.; and 8 S., R. 11 E., yield rather highly concentrated sodium chloride waters; several wells 250 to 700 feet deep southeast of those townships between Chowchilla Ranch and Merced, however, yield carbonate waters of good quality; consequently the sodium chloride waters may be considered to be confined to a belt near the axis and to be most common in the northern part of the belt. Wells 30 to 50 feet deep around the mouth of Merced River, where some of the strongest salt waters were found in deeper wells, yield good water.

Water from wells a few miles west of San Joaquin River contains appreciable amounts of sulphate, but that constituent is subordinate to carbonate in a strip extending from Newman into Los Banos Colony midway between the river and the foothills of the Coast Range. Though alkaline-earth bases are most commonly predominant, and the carbonate character of the water consequently does not spoil these waters for irrigation, they are poor for boiler use. Southeast of that area in Dos Palos Colony and the territory west of it the ground waters, being harder and higher in mineral content, are fair to poor for irrigation and bad for boiler use. The deep well at South Dos Palos yields salt water. The waters immediately northeast of Dos Palos Colony are somewhat better in quality.

WELL RECORDS.

The records upon which the following tables were based were collected by W. N. White during the early summer of 1906 and by Messrs. A. J. Fiske, jr., R. M. Priest, and S. M. Smith during the preceding autumn. It is intended to summarize in them the essential facts about each well.

Table 45.—Records of wells in Merced County.

	Ĭ	Location		ļ			Depth	Tem-					Cost of
1	Section.	dide dide	Range east.	r ear com- pleted.	Type and diameter Depth of well.	Depth of well.	to water level.	pera- ture of water.	Method of lift.	Usc of water.o	Yield.	Cost of well.	ma- chinery.
	∞	4 4	41	1877? 1870?	(b) Dug. 3 feet	Feet. 100 63	Feet. 50	°F.	Winddo.	D, 8	Miner's inches.		\$70
	27	4 <	7.7	1876?	Dug, 5 feet.		\$6		op	w w			20
	223	1 4	17	1890?	Dug, 4 feet by 4 feet	28	20.0		op.	D.			75
	28	4 4	<u> </u>	Old.	Dug, 4 feet		25.25	65	Hand	D, S			
	888	41 -	42	1903	Bored, 7 inches.	106	94		do	 Δ.	i	06\$	8
	228	11 41	17	18767	Dug, 4 feet	288	42.4			200			96
:	2 23	4 4	4.4	1876?	Dug, 3 feet	125	16.65		do do	, , , ,			75
	38	41-	125	18807	Dug, 5 feet	127	117.3		do	S.S.			5.5
	3.5	4 4	3 53		Bored, 7 feet	737	54.6		op				3 :
:	3,53	4, rc	25.53		Dug. Gfoot by 6 foot	150	140	- 02	Hand	O,C			
	, rO	າດາ	123		Dug, 3 feet	8	×	: :	do.	SOF			
	20	O rc	312		(a)	- 60	40.7	20	Wind	- C		nne	8
	.07	, rO	14		Bored, 7 inches	3	17		Wind	D, S			
	12	ro rc	4 4		do	85	27.4		do	D, 8.			85
	16	, rO	14	18767		134	124.2		qo	D, S			65
:	88	ro rc	4, 4	1883	Bored, 7 inches	150	212 212		do	2,c			
	18;	, rO	4.	Old.	Bored, 7 inches	120	283		op	i Si			
	17	<u>-</u> ن	14	18681	op	120	74		Hand	D, 8	-		

a D, domestic; S, stock: I, irrigation; B, bollers; N, not used.

a D, domestic; S, stock: I, irrigation; B, bollers; N, not used.

b Dug 95 feet and bored 46 feet.

f Dug 28 feet and
f Dug 28 feet and

a Jug 97 feet and bored 50 feet.
• Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.
f Dug 28 feet and bored 24 feet.

Table 45.—Records of wells in Merced County—Continued.

100	chinery.	\$75 60 50 50 100 1,000 1,000
	Cost of well.	\$65 50 50 77 77 77 75 60 60 60 17 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
	Yield.	Miner's inches.'s and a series as a series
	Use of water.	HAHAHAHAHAMAMAHAHAMAKAHAKAMAHAHAMAM Marana
	Method of lift.	Wind do. do. do. do. do. do. Artesian
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	
Depth	to water level.	7 20100110000000000000000000000000000000
	Depth of well.	48888252388 88288888888888888888888888888
	Type and diameter of well.	Hand do do do do do do do do do
	r ear com- pleted.	1902 1902 1903 1903 1903 1903 1903 1903 1903 1903
i	Range dast.	999999999999999999999999999999999999999
Location.	Town- qibs dins	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
ı	Section.	7,48,2,28,18,64,25,14,48,68,88,78,88,88,88,88,88,88,88,88,88,88,88
	Оwner.	Mrs. H. Lundquest. L. V. Estes. L. V. Estes. J. A. Turner. Albert Anderson. Andrew Nohling. O. H. Miron. J. T. Tornquist. J. Retrieson. J. T. Stevinson. J. P. Snigg. Peter Anderson. J. P. Snigg. Peter Anderson. J. P. Snigg. Peter Anderson. J. R. A. Peterson. J. R. A. Peterson. J. R. A. Peterson. J. Stevinson. John Robinson. Michel & Grossman. Michel & Grossman. M. Swensen. W. B. Beckwith. Johnson. W. B. Sears. Johnson. W. B. Sears. Johnson. W. P. McComnell. Maussine Aramajee. W. P. McComnell. Maussine Aramajee. W. C. Blewett. Hammett & Crowell. D. F. M. Ecclefield. Jos. Hitchook. W. P. McConnell.

	210
42 650 650 1600 1600 1600 1600 1600 1600 1	es in diameter.
######################################	combined.
Wind Wind Wind Wind Wort raised Wind	8.8
200 388446888 6884 885288888884888488888888888888888888	 18. 9. 2
Bored, 7 inches. 100 do, do, 7 inches. 100 Bored, 7 inches. 108 do,	c Dug 30 feet and bored 61 feet.
1866 1872 1873	
4888888888311088888888888888888888888888	er taken.
N. R. Schmidt Santa Fe Ry. Co George Cressy. Mrs. C. C. Crow W. H. Hartley E. Gauthier J. C. James George Cressy Ancoker Huffman Land & Water Co George Cressey J. S. Jones Ansterdam School district George Bloss. W. C. Dallas. L. A. Atwaster George Bloss. W. C. Dallas. L. A. Atwaster George Bloss. Mrs. Owens D. S. Rosenbaum Blashberg Mrs. Owens Mrs. Owens D. S. Rosenbaum Blashberg Mrs. Owens Mrs. Mrs. Owens Mrs. Mrs. Owens Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Mrs.	Sophia E. Ivet. 35 a Vield estimated or statement of owner taken. b Dug 30 feet and bored 42 feet.

d Dug 14 feet and bored 18 feet.

Table 45.—Records of wells in Merced County—Continued.

Cost of	chinery.	\$885 \$885 \$55 55 10 10 10 1500 6 6
	Cost of well.	88 B B B 88 88 88 88
	Yield.	Miner's inches. a 2 a 22 a 222 a 725 a 775
	Use of water.	ਲ਼ਲ਼ੑਲ਼ੑਲ਼ੑਲ਼ੑਲ਼ੑਲ਼ੑਲ਼ੑਲ਼ੑਲ਼ੑਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ੑਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ੑਲ਼ੑਲ਼ੑਲ਼ੑ
	Method of lift.	Gas. Wind do. Gas. Wind do. Gas. Wind do. Gas. Wind do. do. do. do. do. do. do. d
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	
Depth	to water level.	Feef. 122 223 223 223 223 223 223 223 223 223
	Depth of well.	# \$38888888888888888888 \$458848848848888888888
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 7 inches Bored, 6 inches do do do do Bored, 8 inches Bored, 6 inches Bored, 7 inches Bored, 1 inches Bored, 2 inches Bored, 6 inches
}	r ear com- pleted.	1904 1885 1886 1886 1880 1880 1900 1903 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904 1906 1906 1906 1907 1907 1907 1907 1907 1907 1907 1907
i	Range east.	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
Location	-n w o T q i d s .diuos	
	Section.	28888888888888888888888888888888888888
	Оwner.	G. T. Farr. C. H. Fancher W. Whelan E. Grimes C. H. Fancher C. H. B. Sheehy estate D. D. C. George W. Ferris Santa Fe Ry. Co. George W. Ferris Santa Fe Ry. Co. C. Formen P. Marthall Jacob Feber Frank Gormen P. Marthall Joseph Calvez Frank Gormen P. Marthall Joseph Calvez Frank Gormen P. Marthall Joseph Calvez Frank Soura. Jack M. Co. D. D. L. F. Herrod Frank Soura. Joseph Calvez Frank Soura. Joseph Calvez Frank Soura. Joseph Calvez Frank Gormen P. Marthall Joseph Calvez Joseph Calvez Frank Gormen P. Marthall Joseph Calvez Jose

50 15 15 26 4 855	; ; 4 ' ;	.03	22 : 72	450 387 450	230	200	282	g : :	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	50	
					<u>:</u>				<u> </u>		
37 85 30 15	20	82	ę	3000	30	95	35	09		2898	
					a 65		a 100			a 90	T : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
888888 888888	D, s.	N, S	SS.S.		D, S		D, s	D, S	NS S		S, S.
dodowinddoHanddoHanddo	Handdo.	Not raised Wind Not raised Hand	Winddo	Gas. do.	Winddodo	do	Wind	Gasdodo	Gas. Hand Wind Hand	Wind Hand do Gas Not raised.	Artesian Hand Wind Hand Wind Wind
88 588	888	89	867.88	3	29			72	8888	67 68 68	72
400488	97-4	ကတကမ	441-X	10 16 8	10 to 00	2 2	∞ ∞ တ	ਨ 4 4 4	102 4 21	6,7377	0 10 8 8 8 30 7
4.8885	25.25	2,000; 500.35 500.35 85	22428	95 40 40	25.50	798.2	30 22 23	68 24 24 35	354.08	19 33 23 46 53 53	300% 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000
do Bored, 8 inches Bored, 7 inches do Bored, 4 inches Bored, 12 inches	Bored, 7 inchesdo.	Bored, 12 to 6 inches Bored, 7 inches Bored, 8 inches Bored, 7 inches	Bored, 8 inches Bored, 7 inchesdo.	Bored, 8 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 7 inches	Bored, 10 inches	Bored, 12 inches.		Bored, 8 inches Bored, 7 inches do	Bored, 12 inches Bored, 7 inches Bored, 6 inches Bored, 7 inches	Bored, 8 inches Bored, 7 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 7 inches	dodododoBored, 7 inchesBored, 7 inchesBored.
1904 1905 1902 1904	1904	1902 1889 1873 1893	1899	1902 1898	1901	1904	1884 1904 1891?	1901 1891? 1901	1896	1901 1885 1903 1885	19047 18997 1897 1897 18907
2222222	3222	ន្តន្តន		5252	ដូដូដូ	325	2222	2222	32222	######################################	222222
1111111		~~~~		-1-1-1	1-1-1-1	-1-1-					
15 15 16 16 17	12	2888	ន្តន្តន្តន	1720	2882	866	325	8885	28821	828888	1223867
Crocker Huffman Land & Water Co. Frank Pretis. Manuel Mannesbo. Banks & Peterson. Frank Eduart. Anton Frederico.	J. F. Wober Frank Novo C. J. Pregno.	Crocker Huffman Land & Water Co. P. Dupont. Authern Pacific Co. A. R. Burnside.	John Reininghaus. Crocker estate J. B. Ivers. F. A. Fwollar	H. F. Branco. E. R. Vacheco. J. Pimentel.	W. E. Mitchell J. N. Davis. W. A. Rucker	J. N. Davis. Do.	E. L. Stickney Julia Moran Frank Frago.	J. S. Balerio. R. E. Lee. P. Boland. I. R. Ivere	J. G. Crowder. Mrs. W. B. Turpen. N. Freils.	Peter Underveill William Thornton. William Hoffknecht Jo. Joseph Sullivan.	J. M. Haile. L. H. Applegate. J. S. Avlia. J. B. Osborn. Heber Foster.

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

b Cost of well and equipment combined.

c Two wells.

Table 45.—Records of wells in Merced County—Continued.

Cost of ma- chinery.	a \$4460 a 1,000 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
Cost of well.	355 362 300 300 300
Quantity of water.	Miner's inches: shows in the state of the st
Use of water.	HHHHHHHHMMHHHXAMMMAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
Method of lift.	Hand Gas Hand Gas Hand Hand Hand Go Go Wind Hand Artesian
Tem- pera- ture of water.	
Depth to water level.	# Peec. 129 209 209 209 209 209 209 209 209 209 2
Depth of well.	### ### ##############################
Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 9 inches. Bored, 9 inches. do d
Year com- pleted.	1902 1902 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900
Range east.	222222222222222222222222222222222222222
Town- or dins dins south.	®
Section,	
О W пет.	W. B. Mitchell Manuel Mandonca. Dell Dotto. W. H. Cobborn W. S. Crockett Frank Goulart. E. Gauthier Mitchell estate. Mitchell

Table 45.—Records of wells in Merced County—Continued.

	Cost of ma- chinery.	8.35 8.35 8.100 8.100 1.100 8.55 8.55 8.55 8.55 8.55 8.55 8.55 8.	
	Cost of well.	8112 888 888 88 88 88 88 700 700 700	
	Yield.	Minches, inches, 555 55 35 3 3 3 3 3	Small.
	Use of water.	පපපපපපපපතුවන්වලක්වලවට පපපපපප ක්ක්ක්ක්ක් ක්ක් ක්ක් ක්ක්කක් ක්ක්ක්කක් ක්	S. S.
	Method of lift.	Wind do do do do do do do Hand Wind Hand Wind Hand Ha	ArtesiandoHorse
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	\$ 99 17.59 17.59 17.59	20
Depth	to water level.	# \$\\\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\	00-
	Depth of well.	# 888 88888888888888888888888888888888	3507 3507 350
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. God, God, Bored, 7 inches. God, Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Dug, 4 by 5 feet Dug, 3 by 3 feet Dug, 3 by 4 feet Dug, 5 by 7 feet Dug, 5 by 7 feet Dug, 6 by 7 feet Dug, 7 by 6 feet Dug, 7 by 6 feet Dug, 8 by 8 feet Dug, 7 by 6 feet Dug, 8 bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Dug, 4 by 4 feet Bored, 6 inches. Dug, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches.	doBored, 8 inches
	Year com- pleted.	1898 1898 1902 1896 1896 1896 1896 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 19	
jū.	Range east.	28 27 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28	
Location.	-nwoT qids dids		do do
	Section.	82888888888888888888888888888888888888	
Оwпет.		J. L. Jameson Emma Smith Joe P. Suber G. J. Welcho G. G. J. Welcho G. G. Acker G. D. Soper G. J. Acker G. J. Williams J. O. Whithin J. C. Whithin J. Whithin	Do. Do. Do.

MINION COUNTY,
23.00 88.00
Small. Small. Small. Small. Small. Small. C99 Small. C99 Small.
\$\chi^2 \chi^2 \c
66 Hand do D), S
X 54343 4434458 3 44443443 4 444888 5 X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X
292255-000000000000000000000000000000000
255 255 255 255 255 255 255 255 255 255
Bored, 14 inches? Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 14 inches. Bored, 14 inches. Bored, 14 inches. Bored, 14 inches. Bored, 15 inches. Bored, 17 inches. Bored, 18 inches. Bored, 19 inches. Bored, 19 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 11 inches. Bored, 11 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 14 inches.
1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1907 1807 1877 1877 1877 1877 1877 1877 18
4 2 4 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Bent Company 2007 2007 2007 2007 2007 2007 2007 200
N. W. More

a Cost of well and equipment combined.

Table 45.—Records of wells in Merced County—Continued.

	Cost of ma- chinery.	88000 88900 8857 8857 8857 8857 8857 8858
	Cost of well.	\$199 200 200 233 500 600 600
•	Yield.	Miner's Small. Small. Small. Small. a 1 Small. a 2 a 2 a 2 a 2 a 2 a 2 a 2 a 3 a 3 a 3
	Use of water.	UNUUU WA
Method of lift.		Artesian do d
Danman and a	pera- ture of water.	88 27 2444 21 22 23 23 24 24 24 24 24 24 24 24 24 24 24 24 24
	to to water level.	8 6 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7
3	Depth of well.	Feet. 1138 828 828 828 828 828 828 828 828 828 8
Treed as of weeks in tarked countries.	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches.
1003317	Year com- pleted.	18907 18857 18906 18737 18807 1905 1905 1906 1906 1897 1890 1890 1890 1890 1890 1890 1890 1890
i i	Range east.	222 4444444444444444444444444444444444
Location	-n w o T q i d s .dtuos	
	Section.	2882 - 148511405127882057811118885090 0%17
•	Owner.	M. Rahilly Williams Colinas Mrs. E. H. Brouse Patrick McNamara. Do. Do. M. Rahilly George Minges Do. Pacific Improvement Co. Pacific Improvement Co. Pacific Improvement Co. Do. Pacific Improvement Co. Pacific Improvement

c Cost of well and equipment combined.

b Two wells.

75 : 188 : 88 : 88 : 88 : 88 : 88 : 88 :
88 89 99 100 20 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100
© 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
do
65 69 69 69
\$1000000000000000000000000000000000000
488834439182222888
Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. do
19901 19903
22221111121222222222222222222222222222
∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞
232483838888888888888888888888888888888
3. M. Cunningham B. J. Morley B. J. Morley B. L. Morley J. C. Gillette Paul Newman D. C. Clausen M. M. Ritchey D. C. Clausen B. W. Harrison N. O. Miller Paul Newman G. L. Hake Santa Fe K. Co Santa Fe K. Co Santa Fe K. Co Santa Fe K. Co Santa Fe C

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

Table 45.—Records of wells in Merced County—Continued.

	Cost of ma- chinery.	
	Cost of well.	\$50 250 3800 3800 250
	Yield.	Miner's inches: a 4 a 4 a 4 a 4 a 1 a 4 a 1 a 4 a 1 a 4 a 1 a 4 a 1 a 4 a 4
	Use of water.	wwwaywwwwahihayhwwwwhingwww
	Method of lift.	Artesian Ando Go Go Go Go Go Go Go Go Go
Ten.	pera- ture of water.	86 44 44 444 444 448 48 88 88 44 444814 4 444814 4 444814 4 4444
Denth	to water level.	Peet
	Depth of well.	Feet. 350 350 350 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 2
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches.
;	Year com- pleted.	18757 18904 1904 1903 1903 1903 18757 18757 18757 18757 1876 1877 1877 1877 1877 1877 1877 187
ņ.	Range east.	# 19444444444444444444444444444444444444
Location	-n w o T q i d s . diuos	
	Section.	88984887778888888661111081128444888117998611
	О wner.	Bliss Bros T. Prietes Mr. Lord John Furtado Lillie Brouse John Furtado Lillie Brouse John Furtado California Pastural & Agricultural Co Bliss Brown Do Do Do Do Do Do Do Do Do To

D, S. Small. Small. D, S. Small. D, S. Small. D, S. Small. D, S. I. Small. D, S. I. Small. Small. Small. Solution at 4 Solution at
0 73do .
do
18767 1876
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
######################################
Mrs. C. Desmarais. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. D

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

MADERA COUNTY.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The valley portion of Madera County is limited on the south and west by San Joaquin River and on the north by the Chowchilla. Irrigation by surface water is practiced about Madera through the utilization of Fresno River water in the early summer, when it is available, and about Minturn, near the north edge of the county, by the similar use of Chowchilla River water. Both of these streams have small mountain drainage basins, so that the flow from them is not prolonged late into the summer.

The extreme western edge of the county is also under irrigation from gravity water. The Chowchilla canal heads on the north side of the San Joaquin, about 6 miles east of Mendota, and runs northward, generally parallel to the river, for about 20 miles, commanding a strip 5 or 6 miles wide between it and the river. The greater part of the rest of the county is as yet grain land or pasture land, intensive cultivation being practiced only locally, extensive holdings near the river being given over to stock ranches.

FLOWING WELLS.

The ground waters have not been drawn upon to any extent for irrigation in the developments that have taken place thus far. There are about 30 flowing wells in the 350 square miles of artesian water-bearing land in the county, and these are practically all used for watering stock on the Chowchilla ranch and the Bliss and Miller & Lux properties. The total yield for all of the flowing wells is estimated to be less than 8 cubic feet per second, although at least one of the individual wells yields more than 1 cubic foot per second. These wells are generally shallow, depths of 200 to 400 feet being usual. Some of them are among the oldest in California, having been drilled nearly 40 years ago, and though there has been some lessening in yield it is doubtless due to deterioration of the casing and to clogging. A table of measurements made at different periods is appended:

Table 46.— Yield of flowing wells in Madera County.

·	Yield i	n miner's	inches.
Location.	1871	1884	1905
Sec. 21, T. 10 S., R. 14 E Sec. 4, T. 10 S., R. 15 E Sec. 25, T. 10 S., R. 15 E Sec. 16, T. 10 S., R. 14 E Sec. 23, T. 10 S., R. 14 E Sec. 23, T. 10 S., R. 13 E	20 22 4 1.1	13 18 6 3 5 23	10 11 12 2 12

The well in sec. 16, T. 10 S., R. 14 E., was recently cleaned and responded with a stronger flow than it had ever yielded before. The fact of a well-maintained pressure and supply is further indicated by the strong flows of new wells put down in the vicinity of older ones, tapping the same water-bearing beds.

It is evident that these cheap waters can be developed in large

volume in the western part of Madera County if it is desired.

PUMPING PLANTS.

About 15 pumping plants in the county were in use for irrigation in 1906. Most of these are in the vicinity of Borden, where the ground-water level lies at a depth of from 10 to 20 feet. The pumps pull the water level down locally 15 or 20 feet, so that the total lift is usually 25 to 40 feet. Irrigators estimate that under these conditions they can deliver water for about 75 cents per acre-foot for fuel and labor. Even lower figures are given for the best-equipped plants.

Interest on investment and deterioration of plant, of course, increase this cost somewhat, yet it is certainly well within the limits of profitable use. Practically everywhere within that part of the county west of the Southern Pacific, except near the bluffs of San Joaquin River, pumping waters are accessible. As the foothills are approached, depth to ground water increases and the lift necessary in their development increases correspondingly.

QUALITY OF WATER.

The waters that were tested in Madera County away from the axis of the valley are similar to those in the east part of Merced County. Wells 20 to 400 feet deep yield water good for irrigation and fair to poor for boiler use. The supplies are low in alkali and moderate in scale-forming constituents, and wells probably could be bored to 1,000 feet without striking poorer water. The quality of the water from the 1,310-foot well in sec. 32, T. 11 S., R. 18 E., indicates that the very deep supplies are salty and therefore unfit for use.

Flowing wells 240 to 400 feet deep on the Chowchilla and Bliss ranches in the northwest part of the county near San Joaquin River yield supplies perfectly acceptable for irrigation, and another in sec. 34, T. 11 S., R. 16 E., probably between 300 and 500 feet deep, yields good water; artesian waters between the 300 and 500 foot depths and 9 miles or more from the river are probably satisfactory. But the water from the 520-foot well at Berendo Sheds in sec. 6, T. 13 S., R. 15 E., is strongly saline and unfit for use either in boilers or for irrigation. An artesian water from a well of nearly the same depth at Miller pumping station, 4 miles farther west (analysis, Table

51, p. 238), is higher in sulphate but much lower in chloride. A plugged 96-foot well at the latter place is said to have yielded salt water. The 437-foot well in sec. 33, T. 11 S., R. 13 E. (analysis, Table 50, p. 238), also yields salt water. These data, with those regarding artesian supplies around South Dos Palos, indicate that flowing wells near San Joaquin River are likely to strike salt water between 400 and 600 feet, and there is no good reason for believing that deeper supplies would be any better.

Tables 47 and 48 give the analyses and assays of the ground waters

of Madera County that have been examined.

			Classifie	ation.	
Owner.	Alkali coeffi- cient (k) (inches).	Mineral content.	Chemical character.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irri- gation.
Geo, D. Bliss. Do. Miller & Lux. Do. Do. Sharon estate. Mrs. Casey. Miller & Lux. Do. Sharon estate. Thomas Houlding. H. W. Thomas. Sharon estate. Pope & Talbot. A. L. Sayre. Do. S. Y. Cockrum. S. Shepherd.	70 14 1 2 80 70 50 50 140 25 19 45 80 55 80 15 19	. do	Ca-CO ₃ do Na-Cl . Na-CO ₃	dodododovery bad Fairdododododododo	Good. Do. Do. Fair. Bad. Good. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Co. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. D

bably more than 300 feet.

	1	Classifica	tion.		
Owner.	Date	Chemical character,	Quality for boil- ers.	Quality for irri- gation.	Analyst.
Geo. D. Bliss		Ca-CO ₃ do do Na-CO ₃	•	Good do do	F. M. Eaton, Do. Southern Pacific Co. Kennicott Water Soft- ener Co.

a C., oxides of iron and aluminum.



Table 47.—Field assays of ground waters in Madera County.

[Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

			Locatio	n.			Det	ermined qu	sautities.			Com	puted quar	tities.			Classific	ation.	
Owner.	Date, 1910.	Sec.	т.	R.	Depth of well (feet).	Carbon- ate radicle (CO ₃).	Blear- bonate radicle (HCO ₁),	Sulphate radicle (804).	Chlorine (Cl).	Total hardness as CaCO ₁ .	Total solids,	Scale- forming ingre- dients (s).	Feaming ingre- dients. (f).	Proba- bility of corro- sion a (c).	Alkuli coeffi- cient (k) (mches).	Mineral content.	Chemical character.	Quality for bollers.	Quality for irri- gation,
Geo. D. Bilas. Mili 7 d Ins. Do. Do. Bharon estate Mir. Casey. Mili 7 d Ins. Bharon estate Thomas Hoolding. Bharon estate Parante Company December 1 d Institute 1 d Inst	Oct. 23 Oct. 22 Oct. 23 Oct. 20 Oct. 20 Oct. 20 Oct. 22 Oct. 20 Oct. 22	35 32 6 11 23 33 34 1 21 30 28 8 31 32 5	9 S. 10 S. 12 S. 12 S. 13 S. 10 S. 10 S. 11 S. 10 S. 11 S. 11 S. 11 S. 12 S. 11 S.	14 E. 14 E. 14 E. 15 E. 16 E. 16 E. 16 E. 17 E. 17 E. 17 E. 18 E. 18 E. 18 E. 18 E.	240 400 16 42 520 45 50 44 (9) 100 19 52 100 1,310 60	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	85 82 78 167 123 83 109 95 81 202 227 78 87 137 149 99	Tr. Tr. 15 287 Tr.	20 30 30 30 1,680 25 30 40 25 15 50 105 25 25 25 1,160 20 15	76 63 86 69 398 89 100 140 72 73 148 192 186 67 776 86	160 470 190 250 3,300 180 210 170 140 310 400 300 160 2,000 210 160	130 110 140 120 130 140 150 140 120 120 220 240 150 120 130 140 130 130 140	30 50 50 160 3,200 20 20 10 50 120 120 160 70 6 50 1,300 20 20	N. C. N. C. ? N. C. ? N. C. N. C. N. C. N. C. N. C. N. C. N. C. N. C.	100 70 70 70 14 1. 2 80 70 50 140 25 19 45 80 55 1. 8 55 1. 8	do d	do	do do do Very bad Fair do do do do do do do do do Voor do Voor do Voor Fair Voor do Very bad Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair fair do fair fair fair fair fair fair fair fair	Do. Do. Fair. Bod. Good. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do

« C., corrosive; N. C., noncorrosive; ?, corrosiou uncertain or doubtful.

b Artesian well, depth unknown; probably more than 300 feet.

 ${\bf Table} \ \ 48. - \textit{Mineral analyses of ground waters in Madera County.}$

(Parts per million except as otherwise designated.)

		I	ocatio	n,					De	termine	d quan	tities.				0	ompute	d quanti	ties.		Classific	ation.		
Owner.	Date.	Sec.	т.	R.	Depth of well (feet).	Silica (SiO ₂).	Iron (Fe).	Calcium (Ca).	Magnestum (Mg).	Sodium and potas- sium (Na+K).	Carbonate radicle (CO ₅).	Bicarbonate radi- cle (HCO ₃).	Salphate radicle (SO4).	Chlorine (Cl),	Total solids.	Scale-forming in- gredients (s).	Foaming ingreditents (f).	Probability of corrosion a (c).	Alkall coefficient (k) (inches).	Mineral content,	Chemical character.	Quality for boil- ers.	Quality for irri- gation.	Analyst.
Geo. D. Bilss				14 E. 15 E. 17 E. 18 E.	400 170 90	e 74 e 63		22 13 21 16	5.1 4.0 11	b 15 b 12 21 27	0 0	90 71 85 81	0 0 24 5	25 12 33 27	200 147 226 181	125 95 155 115	40 30 60 70	N. C. N. C. ? N. C.						F. M. Eaton, Do, Southern Pacific Co, Kennicott Water Soft- ener Co.

a C., corrosive; N. C., noncorrosive; ?, corrosion uncertain or doubtful, 98205*—wsp 309—16. (To face page 228.)

& Computed.

e Including oxides of iron and aluminum,



WELL RECORDS.

The essential facts secured as to the most important wells in Madera County examined by Messrs. A. J. Fiske, jr., R. M. Priest, and S. M. Smith in 1905-6 have been assembled in the accompanying table.

Table 49.—Records of wells in Madera County.

	17	Location.		1									
Owner.	Section.	-n w o T q i d s .dtuos	Range east.	Year com- pleted.	Type and diameter Depth of well.	Depth of well.	Depth to water level.	Tem- pera- ture of water.	Method of lift.	Use of water.a	Quantity of water.	Cost of well.	Cost of ma- chinery.
W D Corducil	86	0	4.		Bored 7 inches	Feet.	Feet.	°F.	Horse	D.S.	Miner's inches.		
Sharon estate	388	000	17		Bored, 8 inches	225	184	67.	do	ZZ			
Do	នុខ្ល	000	172		do	385	252	5	Horse.	ωZ			
J. F. Daulton	28	000	989		do	885	388	09	Horse.	S,S			
Sharon estate. J. F. Daulton.	989	000	929		do	385	288	89	Wind	D, S			
Pope & Talbot. Sharon estate.	∞ - -	22	17		do	1001	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3 :	Horse.	Z,Z			
Do. Do	11 2	201	11		do	110	46 50	67	Winddo	z oo			
H. H. Stark.	∞ c	10	17		Bored 6 inches	98	37	64	do	 D,			
Sharon estate.	11	222	10		Bored, 8 inches	46	27	65	Horse	Z			
Do	12	200	919		do.	74.5	188	3 !	Horse.	ъ, С			
Mr. Hemmel. C. H. Brown.	ວະດ	22	91	1890	Bored, o inchesdo.	34	787	29	Wind) (2) (2) (3) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4			
O. W. Garlinghouse. California Pastural & Agricultural Co.	£ 4	6 0	12		Bored, 7 inches	48	40	72	Artesian.	S., v.	7		
Do	r0 0	10	51 t	1887	do	212	00	20		S S	63		
Do	16	32	5.5		Bored, 8 inches		0	70	do	200.0	Small		
Do. Do	4.0	99	44	1875? 1899	Bored, 7 inches	324	00	72	do	20.00	5		
Do	9	25	91		Bored, 7 inches	210	00	73	do	ω _υ	. 61	:	
Do	48	161	35		do	167	00	35	qo	202	62		
Do	12	22	44	1905 1869	Bored, 8 inches	264 240	00	72	do	w w	127		
		10	41	1899	Bored, 7 inches	305	0	23	do	S			
a D, domestic; S, stock; I,	I, iri	irrigation;	B, bo	ilers; N,	B, boilers; N, not used.		Įφ	Yield estir	estimated or statement of owner taken	of owner ta	ken.		

Table 49.—Records of wells in Madera County—Continued.

do do 85.00 111
oo oo
v.
S
The second of the second
•
225
do
1800
2 2
200
c
:

MADERA COUNTY. 201
8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
a 2222 a 2222 a 2222 b a 2222 b a 2222 c a 110
BONONONON NONONON NONONON NANONON NANONONONO
do d
8 2 22 2 82 83 83 83 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88
+ + 1900 + + 1350 8 155
+ + 1900 + 1000 + 1000 + 1000 + 1000
do d
1895 1905 1898 1898 1898 1898 1898 1898 1898 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904
ner taken 121717171717171717171717171717171717171
\$ controlled controlle
82122222222
Archible estate

Table 49.—Records of wells in Madera County—Continued.

Cost of ma-	shinery.	\$75	04	20	12.	45.	15.2	301	125 72	10.5	Ç ↑		: :	188 188	A 2 500	000,000		:		b 2,000		140	180	
Cost of		820	350	32	26	3 9	2 :9	200	0 4 4	188	?	90		621								06		
Quan-	watea.	Miner's inches.		00.0	603	-1						:		00	000	777								
Use of	water	D. S.	ν S	D, S	ω. F	ή) So	, S	O,C	ìAí	, S, S		S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	I D.S.	` .	-	Д	О, С	, so	I	D, S	 Q.Q.	D N N	HAA Soo
Method of lift.		Wind	do. Not raised	Wind	Wind	Steam	do.	do.	do	-do	Hand.	Wind	do	Gas	do.	J	Wind	do	do	Steam	Wind	do.	Hand and me	Wind.
Tem- pera-	water.	°F.		<u>:</u>	73		20	70	89	:	36	:		89								73		-
Depth	level.	Feet.	97	1112	6	117	∞⊆	83	16? 9	1~1	207	15?	Ξŝ	97 16	988	31:	27	26	28	8 8	355	507 46	4.5	527 68
Depth	or well.	Feet.	52	285	98	72.28	+100	115	40	31	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	25	18	114	105	174	20 80 80	92	57	86	38	35	08	101
Type and diameter	01 Well.	Bored, 7 inches	2 inches.	Bored, 7 inches		Bored, 6 inches	Borred 6 inches	Doreg, o menes	Bored, 7 inches	do.	Bored, 5 inches.	Bored, 7 inches	Bored, 8 inches	Bored, 7 mehes	Bored, 10 inches	Bored, 10 inches	Bored, 7 inches	do	do	Bored, 10 inches	Bored, 7 inches	do.	Bored, 6 inches	do
Year com-	pleted.	1903	1894		1885	1001		1897	1897		1902	1892		1883	1904	1903	1903	1000	10201	1901	1875	1908	1900	1885
98	n sA east	17	17	17	17	121	17	111	17	:4:	12	17	200	2 2	819	282	8 8	18	18	20 20	182	82 82	18	286
Location in print in	woT de nos	11	==	1115	1==	1==	1==	==	==	121	122	212	121	22	212	1=:	==	212	121	212	121	112	12	222
1 1	Sectio	29	388	385	332	34.	27	35.	35.55	800	N 61	12		စ းဝ	10 10	32	33 83	4	# es	ಣಣ	9 69 5	72		11,
Owner.		Joseph H. Noble	H. W. Thomas.	G. L. Hardwell	Lyk & Sledge. Borden Form Co	Italian Swiss Colony.	Dorn Vineyard	R. S. Vogeler	S. J. Perkins. Henry Shadle	Alpha school district.	German Savings Bank	A. N. Campbell-Johnston	Borden & Freeland	J. Cunningnam. Brown Bros.	S. Y. Cockrum	Walters Bros	Lankershim estate.	J. C. Secara c	Geo. Hollister.	Mathew Bros	H. G. Macon	Miller & Lux San Francisco Savings Union	Madera Farmers Warehouse	D. B. Lavelle. W. B. Garner

MADERA COUNTY, Ze	00
2,000 2,000 2,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 4,000 4,000 4,000 4,000 5,000 6,000	
S & S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	Two wells.
a 2222 a 1111	L
69999999999999999999999999999999999999	d Four wells.
	d Fou
Horse Hors	wells.
27 10 00 88 00 ET ET ET ET ET	c Three wells.
88 88 89 80 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	
252 286 286 287 287 288 288 288 288 288 288 288 288	mbined.
do d	b Cost of well and equipment combined.
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	well ar
1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900	Cost of
121288888888888212121212121212188888888	۵
	n.
	er take
Miller & Lux Miller & Lux Wm I realey 1. F. Lewis 2. F. Lewis 2. C. Coulthard W. C. Coulthard W. C. Coulthard W. P. Hamilton W. T. Pitman W. T. Pitman W. T. Pitman W. P. Hamilton W. P. Hamilton W. P. Hamilton W. P. Hamilton W. Paterson Do. M. Do. M. W. Mordecal Margaret and May Minor D. D. G. W. Mordecal Margaret and May Minor J. S. Osborn J. J. Saston J. M. Sarages Miller & Lux Miller & Lux Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do	a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

FRESNO COUNTY.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The part of Fresno County within San Joaquin Valley contains one of the largest and most intensively cultivated areas as well as a portion of the most barren territory in the Great Central Valley. The rainfall, which gradually decreases in amount from the mouth of the Sacramento southward, is so slight in Fresno County that dry farming is precarious, hence most of the unirrigated land is also uncultivated and is used only as range. Around Fresno and south and east of that city luxuriant crops of great diversity are grown; raisin, table, and wine grapes, peaches, almonds, apricots, and other high-priced products are chiefly cultivated, while hay and cereals yield good returns in the less thickly settled portions of Kings River delta.

This rich and populous region is irrigated by gravity water, distributed by a network of canals that take their supply from the river. These irrigation systems have been fully described by Grunsky.¹

A later paper, by Lippincott,² dealing with the possibility of storage and the development of water power on Kings River, embodies the results of a close study of the ground waters and their relation to alkali conditions by Louis Mesmer and Thomas H. Means. From this report (pp. 53, 54, and 85) the following quotations are taken:

The natural drainage of these lands is toward the southwest, at the rate of about 6 feet to the mile. The soil is largely granitic sand, and below an average depth of 10 or 15 feet it is saturated with water. The surface water is somewhat alkaline, and therefore it is not advisable to pump it for irrigation. Water below a depth of 50 feet can be considered satisfactory for irrigation. This is based on tests of more than 800 wells in the district, some of them being in sections where there were the strongest surface alkaline indications. In every case this lower water was found to be good, and when the strata near the surface are penetrated it rises to the elevation stated. There have been few attempts to pump water in larger quantity than is required for domestic purposes. A 2-inch screw pipe, put down to an average depth of 50 feet, landing the pipe on a stratum of clay, and then boring through the clay and allowing the water to come in from the bottom of the hole, is always ample for this purpose.

A few small pumping plants have been installed—one 5 miles east of Fresno, on Minnewawa ranch; several around Selma, and two near Wildflower—which yield at least 0.5 second-foot to a 7-inch unperforated well not more than 70 feet deep, with a lift not to exceed 20 feet in any case. Wells of 10-inch or 12-inch casing should be put down to a depth of about 100 feet on an average, and should not be perforated above 50 feet below the surface, thus shutting off all possible chance of drawing from the more or less alkaline surface water. It is probable that wells of this size and depth would each furnish 1.5 second-feet.

The result of pumping * * * * would be to improve the conditions rather than to increase the trouble from alkali. The water table would be lowered sufficiently to permit the washing down of the alkali salts, and the salts, instead of being confined to the surface layers of the soil, would gradually be distributed * * * and by this

¹ U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 18, pp. 39 et seq., 1898. Out of print. May be consulted in libraries.

² U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 58, 1902. Out of print. May be consulted in libraries.

dilution rendered harmless. The lowering of the water table would be of the greatest assistance to the reclamation of the lands already alkaline, and would probably permit this reclamation without extensive underdrains.

Other reports dealing with the problem of alkali and drainage have been prepared by Fortier, Mackie, and Cone.¹ In a report by Lewis A. Hicks on the "Generation and transmission of electric power and installation of pumping plants," included in Water-Supply Paper No. 58, an estimate has been made of the cost of water pumped from the ground-water supply by electric power generated on Kings River. The estimates are made on the basis of 100 pumping stations, each with a maximum capacity of 5 second-feet and an average lift of 45 feet, and the probable cost of the water produced is given as 50 cents per acre-foot when the pumping plants operate 328½ days per year and \$1.43 when the pumping plants operate 100 days per year.

Among the conclusions reached by Mr. Lippincott² after a thorough investigation of conditions on the Kings River delta are the following

Pumping plants can be established and operated which will furnish 1,000 acre-feet of water per day at a cost not much greater than that now paid for gravity water from the canals, to supplement the present summer supply or to extend the irrigated areas.

The operation of the pumping plants will partially if not wholly prevent the rising of alkali to the surface of irrigated lands.

The rise of the ground waters presents a difficult problem in practically all of the delta lands of the San Joaquin Valley, and is merely particularly well exemplified in the Kings River delta in Fresno County. Mr. Grunsky states that the rise in ground waters since the beginning of irrigation is from 10 to as much as 50 feet in parts of the delta. One great difficulty that arises in dealing with the problem is due to the fact that the injury is done in one locality while a large part of the cause may be in another. The lower delta lands are the chief sufferers from the rise of the ground waters, but the cause is to be found in the irrigation on the higher lands as well as on those affected. Over portions of the central artesian basin and about its borders the ground waters have always stood close to the surface, and much of the land was impregnated with alkali before there was any settlement in the valley. The effect of the irrigation on the higher lands has been to extend this saturated alkali zone slowly up the slope toward the eastern margin of the valley until it has encroached to a certain extent upon lands that were valuable.

Without storage the gravity waters will not serve an acreage greatly in excess of that supplied by them now, and the pumping

¹ Mackie, W. W., Reclamation of white-ash lands affected with alkali at Fresno, Cal.: U. S. Dept. Agr. Bur. Soils Bull. 42, 1907.

Fortier, Samuel, and Cone, V. M., Drainage of irrigated lands in the San Joaquin Valley, Cal.: U. S. Dept. Agr. Off. Exper. Sta. Bull. 217, 1909.

Cone, V. M., Irrigation in the San Joaquin Valley, Cal.: U. S. Dept. Agr. Office Exper. Sta. Bull. 239, 1911.

² Lippincott, J. B., Storage of water on Kings River, California: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 58, p. 98, 1902.

plants that must be installed to secure future growth will in addition serve a most valuable function in drainage, tending to prevent the extension of alkali conditions and aiding in the reclamation of lands already containing too much alkali.

FLOWING WELLS.

The flowing wells of the artesian belt of Fresno County are sparsely scattered over a broad area along the trough of the valley. In 1906 there were only about 40 of them, ranging in depth from less than 100 to 1,500 feet, the latter being the depth of one of the wells belonging to the Johns estate, north of Summit Lake. In the district adjacent to Lemoore, south of Kings River, small flows, sufficient for stock and domestic use, are obtained at 150 feet and less, but farther north no shallow wells are found.

Those on the James and Herminghause ranches, south of San Joaquin River, are 600 to 800 feet deep. The flowing wells of the larger ranches were bored generally to obtain a supply of water for stock at times when none is available in the sloughs and irrigating ditches. Irrigation in these large holdings is as yet accomplished only during the flood season when abundant gravity water is available for lavish use. The possibility of using ground waters for such purposes is scarcely considered, although on one of the James ranches the water from a flowing well is used to irrigate about 50 acres of alfalfa.

The great west-side plains, with their productive soil, freedom from hardpan, good drainage, and favorable situation, are nonproductive because of their aridity, and must remain so until water can be applied to them. The ground-water plane seems to be nearly horizontal, such evidence as is at hand indicating a slope of only about 2 to 5 feet per mile; hence it is nearly as far to ground water beneath any part of these plains as the plains themselves are above the lowest part of the valley. If experiments should prove that these lands will successfully produce citrus fruits or other high-priced products, then it may be that the water can be pumped to them from the valley and the venture made commercially practicable despite the great expense involved, for it is to be remembered that water is pumped to heights of several hundred feet in Tulare and San Bernardino counties in localities where it can be used on good citrus lands with an excellent margin of profit.

At present the west slope is almost devoid of permanent residents. There are perhaps a dozen settlers between Panoche Creek and the Coalinga branch of the Southern Pacific. Sheep camps, occupied temporarily in winter, are scattered over them. In the early nineties a few seasons of heavy rainfall led to settlement about Huron, and two or three crops of grain were harvested, but since then there has usually not been sufficient rainfall to mature a crop, and the plains

have been abandoned to the sheep men, who lease the grazing privileges from the large landholders, notably the Southern Pacific Co.

QUALITY OF THE WATER.

The water from wells 20 to 200 feet deep that were tested on the east side of the county would be considered entirely suitable for use in irrigation except that within about 10 miles of Kings River Slough. In general, calcium carbonate waters of moderate mineral content are encountered on the east side, but the characteristic alkali alteration takes place toward the axis of the valley, and the upper waters are less desirable, though not absolutely harmful. According to the tests wells 100 to 300 feet deep at Fresno yield supplies containing but from 120 to 300 parts per million of mineral matter. The shallow wells vield somewhat harder water, and it is reported that the water at 600 feet is good, while a 500-foot well 6 miles northeast yields water like that of the 100 to 300 foot wells in the city. Doubtless wells could be sunk to 1,000 feet without danger in the deltas east of a line joining Jamesan and Caruthers, if it were necessary or desirable to go so deep as that for sufficient supply. Determinations by means of the electrolytic cell of the total solids in 854 ground waters in Kings River delta, including parts of Kings and Tulare counties, as well as the greater portion of the east side of Fresno County, are published in Water-Supply Paper 58.1 Most of the wells from which the samples were taken are less than 100 feet deep; none in Fresno County being more than 300 feet deep. According to these estimates the shallow waters are moderately low in mineral content; total solids exceed 300 parts per million in only 5 per cent of the samples, and only two among several hundred samples tested in Fresno County contain more than 600 parts per million of dissolved matter.

The quality of east-side waters deeper than 1,200 feet is unknown for no wells approaching that depth could be tested. As far south as Fresno County wells more than 1,200 feet deep strike salt water, but south of that county wells as deep as 2,000 feet yield fresh water, and it is therefore evident that the final disappearance southward of excessive chlorides in the deep supplies takes place somewhere between Madera and Corcoran and probably within Fresno County. Some of the wells 550 to 800 feet deep near Jamesan Colony give brackish water, but this is no indication of the possibilities farther east, for water from moderately deep flowing wells elsewhere in the valley is better in proportion to the distance of the wells east of the axis. The water of the 1,200-foot well in sec. 2, T. 17 S., R. 18 E., contains only 135 parts per million of chlorine and 610 parts of total solids; the 2,250-foot well in sec. 14, T. 18 S., R. 18 E., contains 279 parts of chlorine and 872 parts of solids; that is, neither

¹ Lippincott, J. B., Storage of water on Kings River, California: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 58, 1902.

water, though both are near the axis, where the alkali content of the waters should be greatest, approaches in saltness or in mineral content the very deep waters farther north.

The west side of the county is mostly semiarid sheep range, but the possibility of producing good crops by the use of ground water along the lower eastern edge of this west-side plain is being demonstrated around Mendota and Huron, and on several isolated farms between these settlements. Barley, Egyptian corn, alfalfa, and general garden truck are being irrigated by pumping in T. 14 S., R. 14 E.; T. 15 S., R. 14 E.: T. 15 S., R. 15 E.: and T. 20 S., R. 17 E. The ground water out on the plains is highly gypsiferous, more than 60 per cent of the total residue consisting of calcium, magnesium, and sulphate. Such water is very bad for boiler use because treatment to remove the scaleforming constituents and to neutralize the corrosive tendencies increases the foaming ingredients to so great amount that excessive foaming is likely to occur. The content of alkali is not excessive. however, and does not destroy, though it reduces, the value of the water for irrigation. The area in which such ground supplies are typical extends from South Dos Palos to the Kings-Fresno county line between the artesian belt on the east and the foothills of the Coast Range on the west. Only one well in it more than 250 feet deep was tested, and that well, 1,200 feet deep in sec.11, T. 20 S., R. 17 E., is said to be unproductive below 400 feet; it is probable that any waters that may be encountered below 250 feet are similar to those above that depth in their essential characteristics.

Plate III (p. 102) and figure 3 (p. 107) show the relation between the location and depth of wells in the artesian area and the sulphate content of their waters. Alkali bases are predominant in all of them, but otherwise they differ greatly from one another in composition and concentration. Sodium sulphate waters of high total solids are characteristic west of the slough and sodium chloride and sodium carbonate waters east of it within the limits of the artesian area. They are fair to very poor for irrigation, and supplies from shallower, nonflowing wells are superior for general use. The water of the 2.250foot well in sec. 14, T. 18 S., R. 18 E., comes from one of the deepest borings in the valley. The analysis by Eaton shows it to be much less strongly mineralized than other supplies west of the slough, but very poor for irrigation because of its high content of bicarbonate, chloride, and alkalies; it is understood that the water killed crops to which it was applied. Its content of foaming constituents is great enough to make it undesirable for boiler use. The fact that it contains practically no sulphate, though all the other waters in the immediate vicinity are high in that constituent, indicates that the well passes through the typical west-side sediments and draws its supply from beneath them. Greater quantities of gas than are present in the other artesian waters of the county escape from the casing.

a C., corre c Two wells 45 and 75 feet deep.

		Classifie						
Owner.	Dat	Chemical character.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irrigation.	Analyst.			
Pacific Coast Oil Co. J. G. James Co. F. C. Stillman. Joseph Mouren. Sanford & Claverias. Southern Pacific Co. Manuel Nunez. Pacific Coast Oil Co. Southern Pacific Co. Do. Do. Santa Fe Ry. Co. Fresno Brewing Co. Do. Southern Pacific Co. Miller & Lux. Pacific Coast Oil Co. M. F. Tarpey. Southern Pacific Co. A. R. Gilstrap. Southern Pacific Co.	Nov. 1 Nov. 1 Nov. 1 Nov. 1 Nov. 1 Oct. 1&e. Nov. 1a June – e. June 2 Oct. 1 Nov. 4 do. June 16 Oct. 2 Oct. 3 Nov. 5 Dec. 3 Nov. 16 Apr. 5	Na-Cldodo Na-CO ₃ Na-CO ₃ Na-SO ₄ Ca-CO ₃	do. Fair. do. do. do. Good. Fair. Good. Very bad. Fair. Good. Fair.	dododododoGoodFair.Gooddodododododod	Pacific Coast Oil Co. F. M. Eaton. Do. Walton Van Winkle. F. M. Eaton. Southern Pacific Co. F. M. Eaton. Southern Pacific Co. Do. Do. Kennicott Water Softener Co. F. M. Eaton. Walton Van Winkle. Southern Pacific Co. Do. F. M. Eaton. Southern Pacific Co.			

leep.
on and aluminum.
natter, 11 parts.



Table 50.—Field assays of ground waters in Fresno County.

[Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

-		L	cation				Deter	mined qua	ntitles.			Comp	uted quan	rition					
	Date.				Depth			l qua						titles.		-	Clas	sification.	
Owner.	1910.	Sec.	т.	R.	well (feet).	Carbon- ate radicle (CO ₃).	Bicar- bonate radicle (HCO ₃).	Sulphate radicle (804).	Chlorino (Cl.)	Totel hardnes as CaCO ₂ .	Total solids.	Scale- forming ingre- dlents (s).	Foaming ingre- dients (f).	Proha- bility of corrosions (c).	Alkali coefficient (k) (laches).	Mineral content.	Chemical char- acter.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irrigation.
6. E. Hydraer 5. E. Hydraer John Tult. Southern Pacific Co. Southern Pacific Co. Southern Pacific Co. N. J. Y. Hildman. 1. G. James Co. F. C. Fillman D. J. Encland. J. J. James Co. B. C. J. Hilman. J. J	Nor, 12 Dec, 8, 10 Dec, 10 Dec	111 111 8 34 1 1 2 9 15 17 6 9 14 36 2 5 5 13 2 9	175.1158.1158.1158.1158.1158.1158.1158.1	111666 EEEEE EDDE 6EEEEEE EEEEEEEEEEEEEE	(*) 288 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 250	Tr. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	144 144	1000 1 1000 100	1937 - 1938 - 19	1.500 0 1174 1174 1174 1174 1174 1174 1174	1, 600 90 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	388 388 388 388 388 388 388 388 388 388	500 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000	$\sum_{i=1}^n d_i d_i d_i d_i d_i d_i d_i d_i d_i d_i$	0 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	- do	CS-60, NS-60, NS	. dó . dó . dó . dó . el de .	De. Peor, Feor, Geord, De.

a C., corresive; N. C., noncorresive; ?, corresion uncertain or doubtful.

Table 51.—Mineral analyses of ground waters in Fresno County.

[Parts per million unless otherwise designated.]

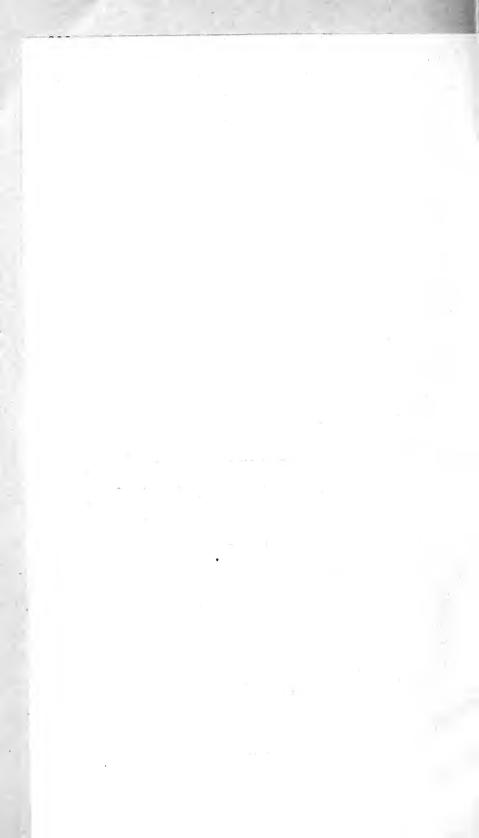
		1	ocation	n.	well				Dete	ermined	quanti	ties.				Co	mputed	f quanti	ties.		Classific	atiou.		
Owner.	Date.	Sec.	T.	R.	Dopth of (feet).	S i l i e a (SiO ₂).	Iron (Fe).	Caleium (Ca).	Magnesium (Mg).	Sodium and potassium (Na+K).	Carbonate radielo (CO ₃).	Bicarbonate radiele (HCO ₂).	Sulphate radicle (SO ₄).	Chlorine (Cl).	Total solids.	Scale-form- ing ingre- dients (s).	Foaming in- gredients (f).	Probability of corre- sion (c).a	Alkali coef- ficient (k) (inches).	Mineral contest.	Chemicul character,	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irrigation.	Analyst.
Pacific Coast Oil Co. J. G. James Co. F. C. Stillman. Joseph Mouren Sanford & Chwerlas. Southern Pecific Co. Manuel Nuoez. Pacific Coast Oil Co. Southern Pacific Co. Do. Santa Fe Ry, Co.	Nov. 1, 1910 Nov. 7, 1910 Nov. 11, 1910 do. Oct. 13, 1891 Nov. 12, 1910 June —, 1900 July 8, 1905 June 21, 1902	10 5 11 11 7 14 36 5 10	14 S. 17 S. 20 S. 20 S. 14 S. 18 S. 18 S. 14 S.	15 E. 16 E. 16 E. 17 E. 18 E. 18 E. 19 E. 20 E. 20 E.	756 550 160 1,200 150 (d) 2,250 1,160 115 225 130	28 6 45 6 21 6 72 6 68		64 28 199 127 232 18 9.5 28 12 33 31 18	8 3,6 129 101 161 5 1.8 2 5 15 14 8	201 c 353 c 20 208 37 c 320 186 18 33 33 33	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	210 179 191 148 220 144 403 150 60 134 158 136	536 318 711 895 718 6 4.9 289 3 25 8 7	67 266 122 85 196 14 279 41 26 53 27 18	(b) 1,138 1,826 1,700 3,210 196 872 1652 166 294 296 216	230 120 830 570 980 105 60 105 115 190 190 135	790 900 560 460 100 860 500 50 90 90	N. C. N. C. C. C. N. C. N. C. N. C. N. C.	18 6.3 17 15 10 22 2,9 14 80 40 30 30	dodododododododo.	Na-SO ₄ , Na-Cl. Ca-SO ₄ , .do. .do. Na-CO ₃ , Na-Cl. Na-SO ₄ , Ca-CO ₅ , .do. .do.	dodododododo Fair. Very baddo Fairdododododododo	dodododododododo.	F. M. Euton. Do. Waiton Van Winkle. F. M. Eaton. Southern Pacific Co. F. M. Enton. Pacific Coast Oil Co. Southern Pacific Co. Do. Kennicott Water Soft-
Fresno Brewing Co. Do. Southern Pasific Co. Miller & Lax. Pacific Coast Oil Co. M. F. Tarpey . Southern Pacific Co. A. R. Gilstrap. Southern Pacific Co. Santa Fe Ry. Co.	June 13,1892 Oct. 23,1910 Oct. 31,1910 Nov. 5,1910 Dec. 30,1991 Nov. 18,1910 Apr. 2,1902	10 1 8 22 28 15 27 27	14 S. 17 S. 12 S. 13 S.	14 E. 14 E. 21 E. 22 E. 22 E. 22 E.	100 210 630 40 532 500 60 84 100	6 12 6 48 6 40	.01 .10 .60 .35	10 10 4 13 30 26 8 38 25 22	5.3 5.5 1 2.3 4.1 12 2 7.7 6	c 11 16 55 c 25 c 372 c 16 46 c 0 12 27	0 0 0 Tr. 20 0 0	72 76 115 82 152 159 86 99 89 136	2.9 8.7 5 8.2 541 3.7 3.9 6 6	6.0 3.8 21 14 128 10 38 24 24 18	178 169 159 1,268 210 152 245 165 188	90 115 30 90 125 150 40 175 130 120	30 40 150 70 1,000 45 120 0 30 70	N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C.	85 60 15 40 9 60 20 85 85 35	Low High Moderatedo	dododododoNa-CO ₃ doNa-SO ₄ Ca-CO ₃ Na-CO ₃ dododododo	Fairdo Very bad Fair Good Fairdo	Good Good Good Good Good do do	Do. Do. F. M. Eaton. Southern Pacific Co. F. M. Eaton. Southern Pacific Co.

⁴ C., corrosive; N. C., noncorrosive; ?, corrosion uncertain or doubtful.
b Organic and voletile matter, 36 parts.
c Computed.

b One of four wells 430 to 480 feet deep.

t Two wells 45 and 75 feet deep.

d Wells 60 and 640 feet deep.
c Including oxides of iron and aluminum.
f Organic and volatile matter, 11 parts.



c Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

WELL RECORDS.

of the important wells in existence at that date and many others that were examined to determine water levels The accompanying well records secured by the Geological Survey in 1906 and earlier represent practically all and quality of water. Developments that have taken place since that date are not represented.

Table 52.—Records of wells in Fresno County.

	T.	Location.		,			Depth	Tem-					
Оwner.	Section.	-nwoT qids .dtuos	Range east.	rear com- pleted.	Type and diameter Depth of well.	Depth of well.	to water level.	pera- ture of water,	Method of lift.	Use of water.a	Yield.	Cost of well.	chinery.
						Feet.	Feet.	o.F.	-		Miner's		
Miller & Lux.	ဗ္ဗ	011	13	1902 1903	Bored, 7 inches	480	90		Hand	D, S			
Do.	10	==	25	1900	Dug, 4.5 by 4.5 feet	22	10	02	Wind	, S.			
C. W. Slayton	- 71	==:	223	1905	Dug, 2.5 feet	341	- 1-1	2 :	Wind	, , , , ,			
F. B. Marks J. Glidden	242	==	22	1895 1893	Dug, 1.5 leet Dug, 2 feet	28	2		dodo) (2 (2 (3 (3 (4)			
R. D. Conrow. Geo. W. Martin	27.25	==	212	1894	Dug, 1.75 feet	15	~~	71	Hand	D, S			
Pacific Coast Oil Co.	33	=	17	1905	Bored, 10 inches	408	10	:			-		
Miller & Lux. Do	36	==	E	1905	Dug, 2 feet Bored. 8 inches	218	7.5		Wind. Horse.	 S.D.			
Do	27.5	==	123	1899	Dug, 5 by 5 feet	16	10	7.0	Wind	D, S			
Do.	38	==	3 22	1894	Bored, 7 inches	437	90	32	Artesian	202	4		
Do. Do.	∞ %	22	14 14	1882	Dug. 5 by 5 feet	2 8	99		Winddo.	 ∾ c			
Southern Pacific Co.	80	27 57	14		Bored, 8 inches	300	08	29	Steam	Zu			
Do.	25.0	222	225		dodo	523	238		Wind, horse	200			
Do	34 25	13 2	12		dodo	790 260	142		Horse	20.00			
Do Pacific Coast Oil Co	22.22	E E	44		Bored, 10 inches.	700 240	80	78	Artesian	S I, D, B	9		
A. J. Arnaudon. Southern Pacific Co.	2223		15	1900 1889 1875?	Bored, 8 inchesdo.	285 640 25	0 0	78	Wind. Artesian, steam	 Э	2.0	0	\$1,500.00
	3	-				,							

a D, domestic; S, stock; I, irrigation; B, boilers; N, not used; W, winery; R, roads. b Cost of well and equipment combined.

Table 52.—Records of wells in Fresno County—Continued.

Cost of	chinery.	982,500.00
Cost of	well.	8400 1,650 1,370 1,700 1,700 1,700 1,370
Viola	r leid.	Miner's inches. 20 20 a 10 a 16 a 300 a 300 b 40 10 10
Use of	water.	. කුක්කකුකුක්පට 1 පවලට 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
16.64.63.64.54	Method of lift.	Steam Hand Horse
Tem-		2F. 78 78 78 770 770 770 770 774 774 774 774 774 774
Depth	water level.	Feet. 33333333333333333333333333333333333
Depth	of well.	Feet. 1125
Type and diameter	of well.	Bored, 16 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 15 inches. Bored, 16 inches.
Year	com- pleted.	1904 1889 1887 1887 1904 1905 1905 1886-7 1886-7 1886-7 1886-7 1886-7 1886-7 1886-7
i e	Range teast.	######################################
Location.	n w o T q i d s dtuos	***************************************
1	Section	44888888888888888888888888888888888888
	Owner.	Steams & Hysinger A. J. Arnaudon Miles & Lux. Miles & Lux. Miles & Lux. Miles & Lux. Do. Do. Do. J. J. James Co. Southern Pacific Co. J. G. James Co. J. D. D

8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	
56. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.	20 nping.
2331 111 23 5 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	hout pur
Wind Artesian, steam Not raised Artesian Not raised Artesian Not raised Artesian Artesian Hand Wind Hand Wind Artesian Art	
8 8 1883	
∞20~2550	4. ıt comb
2002 	39 quipmer
Bored, 5 inches. Dug. Bored, 5 inches. do. do. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 5 inches.	b Cost of well and equipment combined
1904 1886 1908 1888 1888 1889 1889 1889 1890 1890	
88 88888888888888888888888888888888888	200
9399999999999999999999999999999999999	i; aken.
######################################	26 vner ta
1. G. James Co. J. N. Daniels. Pacific Coast Oil Co. Sheep camp J. G. James Co. J. O. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Mrs. Miller Hollum & Co. Burnel estate. Burnel estate. Burnel estate. H. Jensent E. Josephine Smith Burnel estate. Josephine Smith H. Jensent E. Josephine Smith H. Jensent H. J. Fieharty J. W. Crawford L. B. Wheeler J. J. Fieharty J. W. Crawford J. J. Fieharty J. W. Crawford J. J. Predamer J. J. Predamer J. J. Predamer J. J. Jensent J. J. Levisson	H. E. Center a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

Table 52.—Records of wells in Fresno County—Continued.

Cost of	ma- chinery.	850.00
	Cost of well.	833 845 445 81 1125 1000 2000 2000 2,0000
	Yield.	Miner's inches.
	Use of water.	99999999999999999999999999999999999999
	Method of lift.	Hand do
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	. H
Depth	to water level.	Peef. 88888888888888888888888888888888888
	Depth of well.	P
	Type and diameter Depth of well.	Bored, 5 inches. do,
1	y ear com- pletcd.	1902 1900 1900 1900 1888 1888 1889 1902 1908 1908 1908
ji.	Range east.	8885661788868888888888888888888888888888
Location.	-n wo T qids .dtuos	18888888888888888888888888888888888888
	Section.	4400008112888888888888888888888888888888
	Owner.	L. G. Boggs. Laguna de Tache ranch. Grant Fike. Mr. Fike. Mr. Hurley. J. W. Buble. J. H. Cleveland. J. H. Cleveland. J. H. Cleveland. J. H. Cleveland. J. R. Ryder. J. B. Wodowrith. Loguna school district. James Hay. Mr. Mohn. Manuel de Mecedo. James Hay. Mr. Mohn. Manuel de Mecedo. James Hay. Mr. Mohn. Manuel de Mecedo. James Hay. Mr. Mohn. Mr. Awalt. Mr. Goorrich. Mr. Goorrich. Mr. Coorrich. Mr. Coorrich. Mr. Coorrich. Mr. Coorrich. Mr. Corpeley. T. Cowan. Joseph Mouren. Joseph Mouren. Joseph Mouren. Mr. Awalt. Mr. Carvelio. H. R. McCodd. H. R. McCodd. F. G. Ladd. Sheep camp.

14 48 49 49 6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
3. See 3.	
2 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 3	wells.
X ⁰ X ⁰ =================================	ur 8-inch
Not raised Hand Hard Horse	d Four 6-inch and four 8-inch wells.
26 68 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88	
24 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	
252 160 160 160 160 160 160 175 175 175 170 170 170 170 170 170 170 170 170 170	er.
Bored, 6 inches. Dug, 6 by 8 feet Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches.	aved of statement of owner taken. 7§ inches; one well, 9§ inches; and one well, 11§ inches diameter
1	d one well
######################################	168; an
8 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	9g incl
68444088888188188800888888888888844800 E084841000	well,
Sheep camp 19 18 19 L. Bilou 28 18 19 E. Bilou 28 18 19 E. Bilou 22 20 17 Beagene Cosgriff 32 20 16 Do. Valley Water Co.e 32 20 16 J. A. McChure 32 20 15 J. A. McChure 32 20 15 J. A. McChure 32 20 15 J. A. McChure 32 20 17 Joseph Morren 11 20 17 Joseph Morren 28 20 18 Mary Dickey 28 20 18 Joseph Morren 28 20 18 Mary Dickey 28 20 18 Joseph Morren 28 20 18 Mary Taylor 28 18 20 R. A. Taylor 28 18 20 R. A. Taylor 29 18	b Two wells, 75 inches; on

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken. b Two wells, 7% inches; one well, 9% inches; and one well, 11% inches diameter.

Table 52.—Records of wells in Fresno County—Continued.

Cost of ma- chinery.	88. 89.00
Cost of well.	\$100 1133 588 45
Yield.	Minches, inches,
Use of water.	000000000000000000000000000000000000
Method of lift.	Wmd do do do do do do do do do
Tem- pera- ture of water.	[6]
Depth to water level.	# 6ee. 133.00
Depth of well.	#6e. 100
Type and diameter Depth of well.	Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Dug. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Go. Go. Bored, 6 inches.
Year com- pleted.	1880 1880 1888 1888 1888 1888 1888 1888
Range east.	77777777777777777777777777777777777777
Town- final discouts.	23222222222222222222222222222222222
Section.	×211284888888888888888888888888888888888
Оwner.	1. M. Heiskell. Fresn National Bank. Bank. T. P. Nelson. J. E. Dickerson. J. E. Dickerson. J. S. Calins. J. A. Campson. Mar vin Simpson. D. C. Sample. D. C. Sample. D. D. Do. J. W. Brown. H. B. Bissell. F. E. Brown. H. B. Bissell. F. E. Brown. H. W. Brown. Gudlip Ambrosia. H. W. Brown. Gudlip Ambrosia. F. E. Brown. H. W. Brown. Gudlip Ambrosia. Gudlip Ambrosia. F. W. Brown. Gullioria Bank. Chas. A. Owens. Cals. A. Owens. Cals. T. Walder. California Bank. Kennedy & Owen. Ladyette Pearson Ladyette Pearson Ladyette Pearson Ladyette Pearson Ladyette Pearson Mrs. Ele McCardle. S. E. Ward. S. E. Ward. J. Mills. J. Tipton.

25.00		5.00		: :	9.00	:	18.00	125.00	65.00	60.00 00.00 00.00	6.00	6.00			40.00	6.00	90.00	35.00	88	3.8		÷.4	3:	: 8	38	100.00	46.00	3.5 8.8	88.	:23	3.
		30	201	40	25.55	-	175	85		\$30		12			:				20	13	3	06	3		2,52	901	33	40		918	0.7
			: :c	N .						-		:					:					:		:				:			-
D	900	D, S	D, D.	, D	D, s	D, S	D, S.	20.00	D, S	 	SO	D, S	 		 О.С.	 D, s	D, S		D, S	S C	, C	 o,c	D, S	D, S	. C	, s	D, S	ب ص	Ω̈́	≥ O.c	
Wind Hand	Wind. do. Hand.	Wind	Steam, wind	Hand	IIand	Wind	Hand	Wind	do	Hand	do	do	do	Wind	do	Hand.	Wind	do.	Hand	do	op	de	do	Wind	Hand	Horse	w ma.	Hand	op.	Steam	
<u> </u>						-	<u> </u>			:							:					-			:						
10 10 9	1281	E 0.1	99	991	- 9	9 21	12	22	6	75	9	∞;	<u> </u>	123	282	35	37	% % 	20,	10	14	6:	8	14	8×	141	121	2°	∞ ∞	929	77
90 22 22 22	50	+100		8	85	86	54	85 85	32	00 00	75	40	80	99	320	22.5	82	3,5	65	S €	95	77	9		90	104	202	282	80	8 8 8 8	00
Bored, 21 inches	Bored, 7 inches Bored, 2½ inches		Bored, 6 inches	Bored, 5 inches	Borea, z inches	Bored, 6 inches	Bored, 5 inches	Bored, 7 inches	Bored, 8 inches	Bored, 2 inches	Bored, 8 inches.	Bored, 2 inches	Dug	do	do	Bored, 8 inches.	Bored, 6 inches	Bored, 8 inches.	Bored, 7 inches	Gored 6 inches	Bored, 2 inches	Bored, 5 inches	do	Bored, 7 inches	Bored, Zinches	Bored, 8 inches.	Bored, 2 inches	Rored 5 inches	Bored, 2 inches	Bored, 10 inches Bored, 2 inches	ao
1895 1890 1896		1889	1890	1881	1681	1890	1898	1894	1885	1892	1880	1897	1877	1880	1880	1882	1882	1880	1897	1880	1897	1000	1881	1880	1899	1885	1887	1887	1896	1880	1891
8888	ននន	822	32	22.	32	22	121	22	21	222	12	22	38	122	818	121	22	222	123	88	181	353	12	525	7.6	ដេ	72	22	122	222	77.
133	322	13	13	13	55	13	32	25	13	e e	32	13	25	135	55	3 23	13	53 E	22		14	14	13.5	14	51.	77	13.4	13	3 7	44;	14
8288	1222	466	30	22	127	15	0 00	7=	14	77	55	24	% %	000	9 9	0 0	10	12	33.5	250	-4	9 6	3.68	က	35	°=°	342	34	တ် က	က်တ	٥
M. Dunlavey C. D. Edgerly Mr. Bailey	T. C. White Wm. Bitner	F. M. Merrit. Paul Leonhart.	Olsen estate.	Eggars estate P. H. McGarry	Andrew Palm	J. W. Sharer	C. R. Damon.	Cates estate. J. D. Revburn	E. E. Irwin.	K. G. Hewitt.	L. M. Fincher	Mr. Herman	McDonaid estate. Sam Ebe	Sacramento Bank	B. F. Griffen. Fresno I con & Sevings Bonk	T. C. White	W. M. Harbison	John Liee estate Alfred Beard	John Snyder	Chas. Lyman estate	Dr. Chester Rowl.	Sacramento Bank	M. E. Laymensce	Cora Wickersham.	Judge Wanace	Bonner Vineyard Co.	Fred Koeding S. E. Mill.	Alice Treadwell.	C. D. Wright	St. George Winery Hughs Richler	H. M. Kustigian

Table 52.—Records of wells in Fresno County—Continued.

·	0.1	WOOND WAIDIN IN DAIN GOINGOIN VALLEI.
	Cost of ma-	8. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6.
	Cost of well.	88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88
	Yield.	Miner's inches.
	Use of water.	න් නත්ත් : ක්ක්ත්ත්ත්ත්වල්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්ට්
	Method of lift.	Wind Gas, hand Hand Gas, hand Hand Go Wind Go Wind Go Go Hand Go Hand Go
	Tem- pera- ture of water.	Ę-ś.
	Depth to water level.	76.6. 11.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.
	Depth of well.	788347388888434888844888844888448888448888448888448888
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 3 inches. Bored, 1 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 8 inches.
	Year com- pleted.	1883 1883 1883 1883 1883 1883 1883 1883
-	Range east.	88888888888888888888888888888888888888
Location	Town- gihs south.	\$20.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.0
ı	Section,	2888882222890112888882222828882211682222888888
	Оwner.	1. M. Ellmore. D. J. Dickey. Mr. Hayes. A. Vogel. A. Vogel. T. L. Hutter. Geo. Ballour Guthrie & Co. C. D. Smith. I. C. Barman. Mrs. G. F. Thornton. J. J. Lucke. Bulley Bros. F. Duhring. F. Duhring. F. Duhring. G. G. Thornton. H. L. Dunham. H. J. Jucke. J. J. Lucke. J. J. Lucke. J. J. Lucke. G. Garrison. H. H. Hass. O. Garrison. J. J. Lucke. J. H. Hallory. E. Tommasain. G. C. Chenvraut. Richard White. G. R. Robiad. W. A White. W. White. W. H. Hall. H. Hass. G. Chenvraut. Richard White.

8 8 88 7 28 7 4 8 8424 84 85 4 9 8
12 00
88 38888888888888888888888888888888888
Hand
1
\$2554 \$2554 \$2554 \$2554 \$2555 <t< td=""></t<>
Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 2 inches. do. do. do. do. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 5 inches.
1883 1883 1888 1888 1888 1889 1890 1890 1890 1893 1888 1888 1888 1888 1888 1888 1888
8 88888888888888888888888888888888888
444441654444444444444444444444444444444
444400000 40440004 4400000000000000000
E. F. Ball Presno Loan & Savings Bank Establid ad Ora Drying Co. F. G. J. Schmidt Heury Brooks R. G. J. Schmidt Heury Brooks R. Bates Robert Boot Fresno National Bank E. R. Bates Edwin Bullock Mr. R. C. Ketchum R. J. Robinson Mr. Meyers D. J. Vaughn Mr. Meyers Mr. Meyers D. J. Vaughn Mr. Scott D. J. Vaughn Mr. Scott D. J. Vaughn J. W. Soott J. W. Harin W. J. Larue D. W. J. Lorue J. W. Hobler Siering Bros Charles Prouss W. H. Splider J. M. Hobler Siering Bros Charles Prouss W. H. Splider

Table 52.—Records of wells in Fresno County—Continued.

Cost of ma- chinery.	88.4.4.60
Cost of well.	\$30 84 84 116 67 67 67 67 67 88 88 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84
Yield.	Minches.
Use of water.	ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਫ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਫ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ਜ਼ ਲ਼ਲ਼ੑੑੑੑ:ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ੑੑ:ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼ਲ਼
Method of lift.	Hand Wind Wind Hand Wind
Tem- pera- ture of water.	o.E.
Depth to water level.	Feet. 222.222.222.222.222.222.222.222.222.2
Depth of well.	### ### ##############################
Type and diameter Depth of well.	Bored, 5 inches. Jored, 6 inches. Jored, 6 inches. Jored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches.
Year com- pleted.	1830 1830
n ge o st.	Ra
N n - n w n - n w n i p outh.	or
.floit	998 88747578 8744 875 875 875 875 875 875 875 875 875 875
O wner.	L. Pederson Burris Bross Joe Housley Fink Fisher Fink school district Fink School Housley Fink Millon Millon Fink Marshall Fink Stanton Fink Fink School Fink

214 8 6 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
8 + 12181 R8
<u> </u>
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0
10
02423132511545144514525145251515151515151515151
848884 848888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 848888 848888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84888 84
Bored, 5 inches. do,
1888 1889 1890 1890 1890 1890 1888 1888
222222888888888888888888888888888888888
S. Y. Gordon John H. Hoffman. John H. Hoffman. G. E. Roberts W. Dosdon H. A. Ross. A. R. Jrown Lem Lhung M. S. Shamon Lem Lhung M. J. Zimmerman. J. C. E. Gower M. J. Simmerman. J. W. J. Zimmerman. J. W. J. Zimmerman. J. W. J. J. E. Finerty H. Galbrech H. Gabon. J. W. J. J. J. F. Wooder J. J. W. J. J. J. F. Wooder J. J. F. Washinsson G. A. Buckland J. J. F. Washinsson G. A. Buckland J. J. F. Washinsson G. A. Buckland J. M. M. Meisson John Smith. J. W. Smith. J. Gowanlock D. W. Smith. J. Gowanlock J. W. Smith. J. W. Christian Geo. Koslang.

Table 52.—Records of wells in Fresno County—Continued.

ost of	chinery.	\$5.00 \$5
Cost of Well.		8850 870 111 28 873 953 954 965 974 975 975 975 975 975 975 975 975 975 975
Yield.		Minches, inches.
Use of water.		00000000000000000000000000000000000000
Method of lift.		Wind Hand Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind Hand Go.
Tem- pera- ture of water.		[2] o
Depth to water level.		7 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120
Depth of well.		+ e.t. + 25.5 +
Type and diameter Depth of well.		Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches.
Year com- pleted.		1888 1880 1880 1880 1880 1880 1880 1880
i.	Range east.	និ
Location.	-n w o T q i d s .diuos	000000000000000000000000000000000000000
T	Section.	788-444021-888-418814451888319-1443888888841319
Owner.		San Francisco Bank G. Kowser Captain Cuttle. Mrs. M. J. Hatch Mrs. M. J. Hatch Mrs. W. Jankins Elklorn school district Louis Gobbi John Walker Elklorn school district Louis Gobbi John Walker Fed Coleman Fed Coleman Fed Coleman Fed Coleman David Crawford Mr. White David Crawford Mr. White David Heishie Sacramento Bank Harry Weber Mr. Gibson J. H. Hudson Wm. Gibson J. H. Gibson J. H. Gibson J. H. Hudson Wm. Gibson J. H. Hudson Wm. Gibson J. H. Hudson Mm. Gibson J. H. Hudson Mm. Gibson J. H. Hudson Mm. Gibson J. H. Hudson Wm. Gibson J. G. Burnett David Heishie Elk Hutton Lee Burton Lee Burton Martin Elder T. J. Martin G. S. Campbell C. S. Campbell Sacramento Bank Mrs. C. A. Hammer S. J. Pelton

.00.4	88:	58.00	8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	3.50
<u>:</u>	<u>. i</u>			
3888	30 41	51	90	30 44 300
x x	S S	9, s 9, s	0 0 0 0 0	D, S. B
∞ AA	- HAP-	HÀA HÀA	<u> </u>	HUUUH HUUH
0	00_0	00	0	0 0 1, hand
Wind Hand	do Wind	Handdo.	Wind Hand	do Wind, han Horse
		Hand		
600		2222	1231	1882
106	8 60 50	100	90 30	40 60 64 160
dodo.	000 000 000	1880 Bored, 6 inches 1880 Bored, 5 inches 1893 do.	- do	do do Bored, 7 inches
1880 1886 1875	1875 1888 1896	1880 1880 1893	1870 1896 1892	1889 1891 1884 1892
222	3888	1888	ន្តន្តន	1633322
16	16	9191	16	116
388	41286	3 6 8	2342	28282
J. C. Bell. W. W. Ryce. Sacramento Bank	Darse Anderson. C. H. Van Horn.	W. Prather D. Patton T. C. Clayton.	A. J. Allen Helge Lee Chas. Exercises W. H. Sources	Frank Hanson. Prank Hanson. N. J. Shadde. N. J. Layton. F. C. Stillman.

TULARE COUNTY.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

Tulare County, lying north of Kern and east of Kings, includes the eastern edge of the large central artesian basin at its widest part, all of the delta of Kaweah and Tule rivers and a part of that of Kings River, and the famous citrus region of the foothills and the higher parts of the valley floor about Portersville, Exeter, and Lindsay. It also includes, in the southwestern corner, a part of the old bed of Tulare Lake and a part of the district submerged during the last extremely high water, in 1880. The high water of 1905–1907 did not quite reach the Tulare County line.

Kings, Kaweah, and Tule rivers are the chief sources of such additions to the ground waters as are made in this county, as they are the sources of the surface waters used by the various canal systems. Each of these streams has a distinct though rather flat delta, and the attitude of the ground-water plane indicates that the stream channels and canals along the crests of the deltas are the direct sources of the ground waters in the higher portion of the valley within Tulare County, and that from these lines of supply the waters percolate toward the lower parts of the valley and toward the areas between the deltas. These interareas receive only the slight direct supply that is derived from rainfall and from the minor streams that drain the footbills.

Within the artesian basin south and west of Tulare the ground waters, although receiving local additions within the county, are a part of the general body of ground waters of the central valley, stored there as a result of accumulation from all sources during centuries past, and are in general slow in motion northward along the valley axis.

FLOWING WELLS.

In the 365 or 370 square miles of artesian-water land within the county there were about 125 flowing wells in 1905, representing an investment of between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Nearly 100 of these wells were used for irrigation, and the combined yield of all of them was estimated at less than 25 second-feet. The greater number of them are 7 inches or more in diameter, while a few old wells are of smaller bore. They are most numerous on the Kaweah delta west of Tulare and somewhat farther south, west of Tipton and Pixley. Pasture lands, alfalfa, gardens, deciduous fruits, and vineyards are irrigated by the use of the waters developed.

¹ An account of these systems was published in U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Papers 17 and 18. These papers are out of print but may be consulted in libraries.

PUMPING PLANTS.

Irrigation by the use of pumped water is more extensively practiced in Tulare County than anywhere else in the valley. This is due to the development of citrus culture along the foothills between Tule River and Kaweah River, where methods in vogue in the citrus districts south of the Tehachapi have been introduced. There were in all about 170 pumping plants in use for irrigation in 1905, while a number of others were in use for domestic or town supplies. Of the total number 125 were electrically driven by power from one company and 45 were gas or steam plants.

These plants are adapted to a wide variety of conditions, some of them pumping from wells in which the water stands at the surface, and others lifting it from a depth of 100 feet. In the irrigation of some of the hillside citrus groves water is forced to heights of several hundred feet, usually from a reservoir into which it is pumped from the wells. The best equipped plants that overcome lifts of less than 75 or 80 feet use centrifugal pumps directly connected with motors; when the lifts are greater some form of deep-well plunger pump is used.

In the Lindsay district the ground-water level varies greatly each year, falling during the pumping season and rising again in the winter and spring. To keep the pumps and motors within the suction limit during the low-water period, and at the same time to prevent their submersion during the winter season, some of the ranchers have adopted the plan of placing the machinery in a tank. In one plant examined, the motor and pump were fastened to a movable platform that could be raised or lowered in adjustment to the varying ground-water level.

The Badger Irrigation Co. at Exeter has a particularly interesting plant because of the high lift of waters for irrigation. A description of this plant is given in the chapter on pumping tests.

PERMANENCE OF THE GROUND-WATER SUPPLY.

Most artesian basins are very sensitive to development, old wells decreasing in yield as new ones are installed, the shallow wells and those about the upper, outer edge of the basin being the first to show signs of failure. Diminution in the flow of the less favorably situated wells will take place in actual practice long before the basin is overtaxed, hence some alarm is likely to be felt and some individual loss may occur before the alarm is justified by general conditions. In addition to the normal diminution of flow in wells due to physical deterioration in casing or to other causes not related to a general loss of head and reduction in supply, a new well drilled in the neighborhood of an old one, or so situated as to draw in part from the same

general zone of saturated porous materials, will affect the yield of the first, although the combined yields of the two are much greater

than that of either alone and much less than the supply.

Until wells are withdrawing water from an area more rapidly than it is supplied, even though there may be reduction in the yield of individual wells, there is no cause for alarm. It is difficult to determine when this point is reached in an artesian basin because diminution in flowing wells begins soon after development has begun, but when waters are pumped it is less difficult to tell. The continued lowering of the ground-water level in a pumped well, through years of average or abundant rainfall, with gradually increasing lifts and correspondingly increasing costs, indicates overuse.

A comparison of the flows of a number of artesian wells in Tulare County, measured first by the California State Engineering Department in 1885, and 20 years later by the United States Geological Survey, indicates, as is to be expected, a general diminution of yield, this decrease varying from 40 to 90 per cent. A part of it is undoubtedly due to the installation of new wells in recent years, but much of it is to be accounted for by the clogging and filling of the wells and the rusting of the casing. In any event the losses are not serious, and in view of the immensity of the basin and the large supplies that reach it annually, it can not be considered to have approached the point of overuse.

This observation, however, does not hold for some of the areas in which pumping is most intense. The lands favorable for citrus culture are distributed along a frost-free belt on the lower foothills and adjacent high parts of the valley floor. The zone of most intense pumping is along the eastern edge of the valley, between the deltas of Tule and Kaweah rivers. The ground waters here receive some slight accessions from local run-off from the foothills and from minor streams that flow out from them, but their principal source is the constant supply that sinks in the deltas of the major streams and

percolates thence slowly in all directions.

On the deltas themselves, especially along their lower portions, where so much damage has been done in recent years as a result of over-irrigation, the consequent rise of the ground-water plane and with it the alkali, pumping is most helpful; in fact, pumping will doubtless be one of the means by which the damage done by over-irrigation in the past will be remedied in the future; but in the citrus belt of Tulare County pumping thus far has been concentrated upon those points remote from the deltas and from the trough of the valley, where supplies are least rapidly replenished. As a result there has been a noticeable lowering of the water plane in recent years and an increased cost of the water product. As a matter of safety to the orchards already producing, means should be taken to prevent the

City of Portersville 70dododo Do.	E. Renard. Do. C. H. Slaughter J. J. Mull J. H. Hauschildt. Laurel school district. W. A. Bedford. F. J. Hesse. Mis. C. Ranger. Pacific Coast Oil Co. J. H. Glide. Cutler Bros Frank Siseler. C. M. Midder. M. F. Capell. W. L. Thomas A. L. Simmons. A. L. Simmons. S. J. Vincent. Mr. Leavitt. H. E. Redman. City of Portersville.	140 70 60 35 111 45 20 15 25 30 35 25 16 35 4.4 40 40	dodododododododo.	do. do. do. Na-CO ₃ . do. Ca-CO ₃ . Na-CO ₃ . do. do. do. do. Ca-CO ₃ . do. do. do. Ca-CO ₃ . do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do	do. Good Fair. do. do. Good do. do. Poor Fair. do. Fair. do. Fair. do. Fair. do. Fair. do. Fair. do. do. do. Cool Fair. do. do.	Do. Do. Fair. Good. Do. Fair. Good. Do. Do. Do. Do. Cood. Do. Good. Do. Good. Do. Cood. Do. Cood. Do. Do. Cood. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do
-----------------------------------	--	---	-------------------	---	--	--

	Classifi	cation.				
Owner.	Chemical charactor.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irriga- tion.	Analyst.		
H. A. Burke Southern Pacific Co Do. J. H. Hauschildt Tulare Water Co. Do Santa Fe Ry. Co Southern Pacific Co Do Exeter Waterworks Mrs. S. Navarre F. Stone. G. K. Hostetter Southern Pacific Co	do do do do	Fair	do	F. M. Eaton. Kennicott Water Softener Co. Southern Pacific Co. Do. Do. F. M. Eaton.		

0 foot wells.



Table 53 .- Field assays of ground waters in Tulure County. [Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

						[1 41 65	pet maria	n except a	e orner was	e designan	su.j								
			Locatio	ю.			Deter	mined qua	utitles.	_		Comy	outed quar	ititles.			Classific	ation.	
Owner,		Sec.	т.	R.	Depth of well (feet),	Carbon- ate radicle (CO ₃).	Bicar- bonate radicle HCO ₅).	Sulphate radicle (SO ₄),	Chlorine (Cl).	Total hardness as CaCO ₃ ,	Total solids,	Scale- feaming ingre- dients (s).	Foaming ingre- dients (f).	Proha- bility of corresions (c).	Alkali coefficient (k) (inches).	Mineral content.	Chemical character.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irrigation.
D. H. Dorghen. C. F. Outhawson. Augustus Bell., Excellential Section of Control Contro	do	255 322 322 322 322 322 322 322 322 323 33 3	16 S. 16 S. 18 S. 20 S. 20 S. 22 S. 22 S. 23 S. 21 S. 22 S. 22 S. 24 S. 26 S. 27 S. 26 S. 27 S.	25 E. 26 E. 26 E.	16 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	100 M 127 M 100 M	TITLE STREET	70 0 25 35 35 35 35 35 35 35 35 35 35 35 35 35	128 128 128 128 128 128 128 128 128 128	259 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 20	210 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1	**************************************	90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 9	do. do. do. do. lijgh. Moderate. do. Low Moderate. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do	Na-CO ₂ Na-CO ₃ Na-CO ₃	do do	Good. Do. Fair. Good. For. Do. Good. Fair. Do. Good. Fair. Do. Good. Fair. Do. Good. Fair. Do. Cood. Do. Fair. Good. Do. Fair. Do. Do. Fair. Good. Do. Fair. Good. Do. Fair. Good. Do. Fair. Do. Do. Fair. Fair. Do. Do. Do. Fair. Do. Do. Do. Fair. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do
Mr, Leavitt. H. E. Redman. City of Portersville.	do	35	21 S. 20 S. 21 S.	26 E. 27 E.	170 185 200	Tr.	167 159 200	Tr.	15 20 20	106 136 160	220 230 250	160 190 216	70 40 40	N. C. N. C. N. C.	30 100 70	do		Fair	Do.

a C., corresive; N. C., noncorresive; ?, corresion uncertain or doubtful,

Table 54.—Mineral analyses of ground waters in Tulare County.

	[Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]																								
		Location.		Location.		Location.		Determined quantities,										Computed quantities.				Classification.			
Owner.	Date.	Sec.	Ęį	ж.	Depth of well (feet)	Silica (SiO _k).	Iron (Fe).	Calcium (Ca).	Magnesium (Mg).	Sodium and potas- sium (Na+K).	Carbonate radicie (CO _x).	Bicarbonate radi- cle (HCO ₃).	Sulphate radicle (SO4).	Chlorine (Ct).	Total solids.	Scale-forming in- gredients (s).	Foaming ingredi- ents (f).	Prohability of corrosion (c).	Alkali coefficient (k) (inches).	Mineral content.	Chemical charac- ter.	Quality for bollers.	Quality for irriga- tion.	Analyst.	
H. A. Burks Southern Pacific Co Do J. H. Hauschildt. Tulare Water Co Do Santa Fe Ry. Co	Mar. 28, 1902 Aug. 4, 1902 Nov. 17, 1910 Apr. 2, 1902 Nov. 14, 1910	16 24 17 5 10 10 29	17 S. 18 S. 16 S. 20 S. 20 S. 20 S. 18 S.	23 E. 23 E. 24 E. 24 E. 24 E. 24 E. 25 E.	850 (c) 800	b 16	0. 25 . 35 . 25	131 11 38 5.0 14 29 26	54 1 10 1.5 1 4.0 6	458 30 29 457 24 418 48	0 0 0 23 0 0	181 86 168 85 90 122 102	48 8 7 4.1 3 14 5	337 10 40 22 8 9.0	902 129 267 202 111 174 134	530 60 190 65 60 140 115	150 80 80 150 65 50 20	N.C. N.C.	6.0 30 50 14 30 75 170			Bad Good Fair Good do Fair		Kennicott Water Soft-	
Southern Pacific Co. Do. Exeter Waterworks Mrs. S. Navarre. F. Stone. G. K. Hostetter. Southern Pacific Co.	Aug. 1, 1910 Dec. 29, 1904 Nov. 21, 1910	31 31 10 2 10 6 35	21 S. 21 S. 19 S. 20 S. 21 S. 21 S. 21 S.	25 E. 25 E. 26 E. 26 E. 26 E. 27 E. 27 E.	60 65 100 60 50 (d) 31	b 24 b 25 b 39 b 20		37 32 26 40 46 32 36	3 4 9 16 8.9 13 6	26 29 32 32 4 28 4 14 19	0 0 0 0 0	172 174 144 165 218 157 160	7 7 11 12 14 6	11 8 27 32 15 15 15	193 191 215 260 242 258 179	140 125 130 200 200 170 135	80 85 75 40		30 35 65	do do do	do do do		do do do	ener Co. Southern Pacific Co. Do. Do. Do. F. M. Eston. Do. Do. Southern Pacific Co.	

c Uncertain whether water is from 400 or 800 foot wells. d Two wells 250 and 255 feet deep.

ř

installation of additional pumping plants in those parts of the citrus belt where development is now most intense and the effects upon the ground water have been most clearly discerned, for it is obviously more important to protect the orchards that are already producing than to plant more.

QUALITY OF WATER.

The quality of ground water in the basin of Tulare Lake has been discussed in detail in pages 104–109. Waters from wells 20 to 1,400 feet deep east of the boundary indicated by B'B' (Pl. II), generally are carbonate waters, good or fair for irrigation, containing about 240 parts per million of total solids. Nearly all the deep wells yield sodium carbonate water; nearly all the supplies are low in scale-forming and foaming ingredients and are noncorrosive. The waters from wells less than 100 feet deep show greater difference in quality than the deeper supplies, a condition explainable by the probability that the more highly mineralized ones come from pockets of alkali-impregnated silt. The shallow waters of high mineral content almost invariably are taken from wells on tracts showing alkali.

WELL RECORDS.

Detailed records of wells in Tulare County that have been examined are assembled in the following tables: Table 55.—Records of wells in Tulare County.

Cost of	ma- chinery.	\$8600.00 \$600.00
	Cost of well.	3388 88888888 8 988888888 8888888888888
	Yield.	Miner's inches.
	Use of water.a	6999999999999999999999999999999999999
	Method of lift.	Wind Wind Wind Go Go Go Go Wind Wind Wind Wind Go Wind Wind Wind Wind Go Go Go Go Go Go Go Go Go G
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	**************************************
Depth	to water level.	Feet. 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
	Depth of well.	6-6-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5
	Type and diameter Depth of well.	Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 5 inches. do d
N _O	com- pleted.	1883 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904 1907 1902 1902 1902 1902 1902 1903 1883 1883 1883 1883 1883 1883 1883 18
'n.	Range east.	88888884444844444444448888888888888888
Location.	-nwoT qida ,dine	255555555555555555555555555555555555555
	Section,	28825509885572511132999955661747474311565388
	О wner.	G. W. Donnel J. Bollinger J. O. Kieger Mrs. B. Duffy D. H. Dopkins D. H. Dopkins P. Don W. C. Lewis W. C. Lewis W. Savateir G. E. Carver T. W. Savateir G. B. Carver T. W. Hines W. B. Hones J. B. Long W. B. Hones J. B. Long W. B. Hones J. B. Long W. B. Hawkins W. E. Hawkins W. E. Hawkins W. E. Hawkins W. A. Welleninston R. A. McGedminston N. A. McGedminston N. A. McGedminston R. S. Demaree J. H. Glide M. W. Courtin J. S. Boyd J. J. Wheelock

<u> </u>
8 8 9
Hand Go G
######################################

Bored, 6 Inches. Bored, 5 Inches. Bored, 6 Inches.
1890 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900

2/292/292/292/292/292/292/292/292/292/2
~
G. W. Krikman T. W. Canfield M. A. Wanfeld M. A. Wanfeld M. A. Wanfeld M. Lyallen E. D. Millen M. Lyallen M. Lyallen M. Lyallen M. Lyallen M. Lyallen M. Lyallen M. Sware E. Rodding C. F. Gidding C. F. Gidding M. Lindley W. Scantone W. G. Arnemson W. H. Fayon W. H. Fayon W. H. Fayon W. H. W. Sagett J. M. Bord M. G. Traine M. K. Smith M. H. Smi

a D, domestic; S, stock; I, irrigation; B, boilers; N, not used.

Table 55.—Records of wells in Tulare County—Continued.

Cost of	ma- chinery.	\$110.00
	Cost of well.	88 8888 8 1 1 2 88 8 1 1 2 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
	Yield.	inches.
	Use of water.	000 0 0 000000 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
	Method of lift.	Hand Wind, hand Hand, Go Go Go Hand Go Go Hand Go Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	435888888888888888888888888888888888888
Depth	to water level.	7 6000000000000000000000000000000000000
	Depth of well.	7-88-88-88-88-88-88-88-88-88-88-88-88-88
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 2, inches. Bored, 2, inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches.
Voor	com- pleted.	1902 1903 1903 1903 1903 1903 1889 1889 1890 1890 1890 1890 1890 1890
d d	Range east.	**************************************
Location	- a w o T q i d s ,dtuos	122222222222222222222222222222222222222
1	Section.	%2288 % %824 % 822 42 42 42 14 15 15 15 4 4 4 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15
	О wner.	H. W. Terrill J. H. Glide J. M. Parker. J. M. Parker. Jacob M. Hamin. Jacob M. Hamin. J. G. Hitchcock. J. W. You's Barell. Stone Coral school district. Mr. M. E. Harell. Stone Coral school district. J. B. Festman. J. B. Festman. J. W. Simmars. J. B. Brick. J. B. Brick. J. B. Brick. J. B. Brick. J. Mackin. J. Mackin. J. Mackin. J. Mackin. J. Mackin. J. Mackin. J. Marchin. J. A. Moreland J. A. Murray. J. J. Wannoy. J. J. Varnor. J. J. Varnor. J. Varnor. J. Varnor. J. Wapprast.

	-
100.00	
885825888 55 5 5 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	
8 1 d S 1 d	red wells.
BUBUBUBUBUBUBUBUBUBUBUBUBUBUBUBUBUBUBU	12-inch bo
Wind Hand Wind Hand Hand Hand Hand Hob Go	Two dug wells and three 12-inch bored wells
### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ##	c Two
4447044470 70104444701400000000000000000	
\$22482482888888888888888888888888888888	'n.
Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches.	b Yield estimated or statement of owner taken
1888 1888 1888 1888 1888 1888 1888 188	d or state
***************************************	stimate
1423405550808888888888888888888888888888888	Yield e
1444455650000000000000000000000000000000	~
D. A. Boone J. Harris. T. Manis. T. A. Mobier T. A. Mobier T. A. Mobier T. H. Garlish T. Eizenhouser A. T. Eizenhouser A. T. Eizenhouser A. T. Eizenhouser A. A. Himnat C. E. Barlow M. Rode C. A. Wood J. Rush M. G. Hartley H. C. March W. H. Keener San Francisco Savings Union J. Rush M. H. Keener J. A. March M. H. Keener San Francisco Savings Union J. Rush M. H. Keener J. G. Hicks B. G. Hicks B. G. Uran C. G. Dickinson T. G. Frider B. G. Uran C. G. Dickinson T. G. Thoms San Ellis San E	a Two wells.

Table 55.—Records of wells in Tulare County—Continued.

1000	chinery.	\$25.00 900.00 90
	Cost of well.	8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
	Yield.	Miner's inches. a 122 a 1 a 1 85
	Use of water.	00000000000000000000000000000000000000
	Method of lift.	Wind Wind, hand Wind, hand Wind, hand Wind Horse Wind Hand Gas Hand Gas Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Wind Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Ha
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	* 22 * 22 * 22 * 22 * 22 * 22 * 22 * 2
Depth	to water level.	8
	Depth of well.	# 888888888888888888888888888888888888
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go
;	Year com- pleted.	1890 1880 1880 1880 1880 1880 1887 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904
	Range east.	ងងងត្ត និង
Location.	Town-T og in s	888888888888888888888888888888888888888
Ĭ	Section.	0%-555574888888888888888888888888888888888
	Ождег.	Mrs. N. C. Smith Howe & Trout Seth Smith, jr Seth Smith, jr Seth Smith, jr Cuthbert Burrel estate Mr. Caller Mr. Canle Mr. Canle Mr. Canle Mr. Charle J. Kame B. Chatten Mrs. Codiga Mrs. Sand H. G. Montgomery Arrhur Burton G. D. Smith Mrs. John Parr

124
\$\$\$\$\$55\$
44 01 44 00 4 4 00 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Pour wells
460 460 460 460 460 460 460 460 460 460
882441128 8
\$ 5 5 7 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
0.000000000000000000000000000000000000
Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches.
Bores, e.g.,
1885 1895 1895 1902 1903 1903 1903 1903 1903 1903 1899 1904 1905 1899 1906 1906 1899 1906 1907 1899 1908 1908 1908 1908 1908 1908 1908
88888888888888888888888888888888888888
EST CAN THE CONTRACT OF THE CO
\$28.000000000000000000000000000000000000
F. Eharp 27 188 25 1885 S. C. Brown 27 18 25 187

Table 55.—Records of wells in Tulare County—Continued.

Costof	ma- chinery.	8800 8000 8000 8000 8000 8000 8000 800
	Cost of well.	88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88
	Yield.	Minches. inches. 66
	Use of water.	0.00000000000000000000000000000000000
	Method of lift.	Hand Gass Hand do do do Wind Hand do
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	
Depth	to water level.	######################################
	Depth of well.	### ### ##############################
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 5 inches. do, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 1 inches. Bored, 1 inches. Bored, 5 inches.
;	Year com- pleted.	1834 1902 1903 1904 1904 1904 1903 1903 1903 1903 1903 1903 1908 1880 1880 1880 1880 1880 1880 1880
i.	Range dast.	ន្តស្តេស្ត្រស្ត្រស្ត្រស្ត្រស្ត្រស្ត្រស្ត្
Location.	-nwoT qids .duos	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	Section.	888880000444240000000001100011110000000000
	Owner.	E. O. Miller. G. F. Beales. Albert Welsin J. K. Yocum J. K. Yocum J. G. Barnis G. W. Genre G. C. Brown Herbert Luewe. Herbert Mathewson

2000 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
250 250 1.00 88 8.00 8.00 8.00 8.00 8.00 8.00
\$247\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\
Wind Wind Hand Hand Hand Hand Gos
75838388777 757 758 385777 7 7833575889 3
1 21 - ∞ 23335142888888888888888888888888888888888888
#484 488
Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Go do do do do do Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Go do d
1885 1886 1888

C. M. Noell. D. Y. Robinson J. W. Brown J. W. Bacom M. M. Arnold Mrs. M. F. Swank H. T. Anderson Dillon estate V. B. Humphrey V. B. Humphrey J. F. Firebaugh C. F. Firebaugh J. F. Firebaugh C. F. Firebaugh J. F. Firebaugh J. F. Firebaugh J. F. Firebaugh C. F. Firebaugh J. F. Pargen J. F. Carney J. R. Carney J. P. Daly J. P. Daly J. P. Daly J. P. Daly J. B. Carney J. R. Daly J. B. Carney J. R. Daly J. B. Carney J. R. Daly J. B. J. Carney J. J. F. Dungan J. B. M. Mitchel estate J. F. Dungan J. H. Hart J. Trouby J. H. Hart J. H. Hart

b Cost of well and equipment combined.

Table 55.—Records of wells in Tulare County—Continued.

Cost of	chinery.	688 682 682 682 683 683 683 683 683 683 683 683 683 683
	Cost of well.	66 2 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 1
	Yield.	Minches. 18 18 18 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19
	Use of water.	
	Method of lift.	Gas. do do do Horse Hand do
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	1212521 38882152323 32322 2 2 32 12322222
Depth	to water level.	Feet. 20 2 20 2 20 2 20 2 20 2 20 2 20 2 20
	Depth of well.	# #842868888888888888888888888888888888888
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored 10 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 10 inches.
	rear com- pleted.	1904 1903 1904 1906 1880 1880 1880 1890 1890 1897 1897 1897 1897 1897 1897 1897 1897
- i	Range east.	ននិងនិងនិងនិងនិងនិងនិងនិងនិងនិងនិងនិងនិង
Location.	-awoT qids .duos	222222222222222222222222222222222222222
I	Section.	885888888888888888888888888888888888888
	Owner.	B. F. Dailey Kibler estate C. W. Hart. D. O. Maderburg A. C. Kuhn C. W. Hart. B. F. Bequetic B. F. Bequetic J. Rice D. N. Wood E. F. Havd E. F. W. Hart. John Markes John Warkes J. W. Gampbell J. W. Gampbell J. W. Gampbell J. W. A. Mills J. W. Sumans Mr. Doherry Wrn. Swall J. M. Dyes Sam Huth J. M. Dyes Sam Huth J. W. A. Mills J. W. Gampbell J. W. Oswill J. W. Swall J. M. Dyes Sam Huth J. C. Hutker John C. Havkins G. Hutber G. H. Hutber John C. Havkins Wr. Revens. William Swall

44884684888888888888888888888888888888
28 2000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 10
######################################
do Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind
2232 22522
200040007720007828 080108111001118000000000000000000000
8282448842 688 68684188 8888888666648 8868888888888888888888888888888888888
Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches.
1904 1908 1908 1908 1908 1908 1908 1908 1908
######################################
2888872555274455555555555555555555555555
Mrs. M. A. Edgar I. P. Brown John Martz G. W. Smith G. W. Filmore G. W. Filmore C. R. Scott. D. O. Larkin Mrs. Emma Zumalt Mrs. M. Segress Mrs. Emma Zumalt Mrs. Anderson Goldman & Barringer John March Charsen Chauseh Do. Wm March Goldman Hanty Goldman Gold

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

Table 55.—Records of wells in Tulare County—Continued.

Cost of	cost of ma-	\$5.50 50.00 50.00 50.00 50.00 50.00 50.00 60
	Cost of well.	\$18 1,800 1,000 1,
	Yield.	Miner's inches. a 1100 8 8 5 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
	Use of water.	61788888887111101188911918881191988 8 1 8 6 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
	Method of lift.	Wind, hand Electric. Not raised Not raised Hand. Hand. Horse Hand. Horsesian Ox raised Gas. Gas. Artesian Artesian Artesian Hand. Artesian Hand. Artesian Artesian Artesian Artesian Artesian Hand. Artesian Band. Artesian Hand. Artesian Band. Artesian Artesian Artesian Artesian Artesian Band. Band. Artesian Ar
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	7. 26. 26. 27. 27. 27. 27. 27. 27. 27. 27. 27. 27
Depth	to water level.	######################################
	Depth of well.	Fee. 221 221 221 221 221 221 221 221 221 22
	Type and diameter Depth of well.	Bored, 7 Inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 9 inches. Bored, 9 inches. Bored, 1 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 1 inches. Bored, 1 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches.
	rear com- pleted.	1890 1903 1903 1905 1905 1906 1907 1885 1885 1885 1885 1885 1885 1886 1886
n.	Range east.	**************************************
Location	Town- gids dids	200000000000000000000000000000000000000
	Section.	888884421114888888888888888888888888888
	Оwner.	M. A. Moorehead Oakland Savings Bank D. Prank Mattos W. J. Brown D. D. Henry Banker H. Gratten Linder school district John Fleming B. T. Watson W. Hoffsneider A. Bard R. E. Keeler Louis Bertch R. E. Keeler Louis Bertch M. G. Bertch M. G. Bertch B. E. Hover B. H. Kemble S. F. Hover B. H. Kample C. M. Hatch D. Albert Kanapp C. M. Hatch D. I. P. Beal I. P. Beal I. P. Bool I. P. Bool John Handy Do. John Hanesy Son I. Remen's Service John Hanesy Son J. Knapp Laurel school district V. Carpenier J. R. Carpenier

Table 55.—Records of wells in Tulure County—Continued.

	Cost of ma- chinery.	\$165.00 \$165.00 \$20.00 \$1,000.00 \$2,000.00 \$2,000.00 \$2,800.00 \$2,
	Cost of Well.	\$75 25 150 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 50
	Yield.	Miner's inches.'s inches.'
	Use of water.	røAAAAHH HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH
	Method of lift.	Mind Hand Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Gas Ga
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	
Depth	to water level.	7 4111111111111111111111111111111111111
	Depth of well.	7 6 6 7 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
	Type and diameter Depth of well.	Bored, 10 inches. Go. Go. Bored, 5 inches. Go. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 9 inches. Bored, 9 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 11 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 10 inches.
	Year com- pleted.	1905 1905 1905 1905 1905 1905 1905 1905
	Range east.	***************************************
Location	-n w o T q i d s .dtuos	<u> </u>
	Section.	#466101000000000000000000000000000000000
	Owner,	C. P. Mayberry J. W. Sturgoon Mr. Swanson Mr. Swanson Mr. Swanson J. Tursich J. C. Green J. Taylor J. McKeller G. K. Hostetter G. K. Hostetter G. K. Hostetter J. McKeller Camille Ranch Co Do

TOBARA COUNTY,	
2, 900. 00 1, 1, 1000. 00 1, 1, 200. 00 1, 200. 00 1, 200. 00 500. 00 500. 00 1, 250. 00 1, 250. 00 50. 00	
38. 38. 39. 75. 75. 75. 75. 75. 75. 75. 75. 75. 75	g Six wells.
8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	8
do d	d Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	r statem
\$	mated o
2221 2221 2222 22222222222222222222222	ield esti:
Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 13 inches. Bored, 10 inches.	d Y
11905 11905	
888888888888888888888888888888888888888	
\$258888888888882~~~~232222222222222222222	
Mrs. A. H. Hersey J. de Martini Buby Johnson Ruby Johnson B. O. Callver F. H. Plate D. Coulver D. Cownson J. E. Graham C. J. Carlon C. J. White D. J. S. White D. C. Cownson C. Cownson C. C. Cowns	a Two wells.

 a ried estimated of statement of owner taken.
 b Dug 82 feet and bored 75 feet by 8 inches diameter.
 f Dug 80 feet and bored 110 feet by 12 inches diameter. a 100 wells. A Cost of well and equipment combined. c Dug 6 by 6 feet 40 feet deep and bored 30 feet by 12 inches diameter.

Table 55.—Records of wells in Tulare County—Continued.

	Cost of well.	\$2,000.00 2,000.00 1125.00 1,500.00 4,000.00 85.00 85.00 85.00 50.00
- +	chinery.	\$554 \$600
	Yield.	Miner's inches. a 13 a 15 a 45 5 50
	Use of water.	xxx
	Method of lift.	Not raised do do do Mot raised Wind Wind Horse Wind Go do do Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	. F
	tô water level.	7 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
	Depth of well.	## Peet. 2203
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 3 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 3 inches. Bored, 3 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches.
	rear com- pleted.	1905 1905 1905 1908 1908 1904 1904 1904 1904 1908 1889 1889 1885 1885 1885 1885 1885 188
n.	Range east.	***************************************
Location.	-nwoT qids .dinos	88888888888888888888888888888888888888
	Section.	22 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
	Оwпет.	Strathmore ranch Do Do El Mirador Land Co Strathmore nanch P. Griffin J. K. Granor J. M. Van Emon J. Weisenberger C. W. Buswell Hip Pump J. H. Williams & Co J. H. Well Emon J. W. H. Castle M. H. Castle Mr. R. K. Kirby J. H. Wallen J. W. H. Castle Mr. R. Kirby J. R. Shuller P. Spuller P. Spulle

25.00 26.00 27
28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 2
Small.
HALLSHAAA AALAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
Hand Gas Gas Hard Hand Hand Hand Gas Gas Gas Horse Hand Hand Artesian
8 6568 8 688671728887 8 2 224677 7 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
256 266 266 266 266 266 266 266 266 266
18 20 24 1905 1906 100
1905 1889 1895 1891 1891 1891 1895 1995 1885 188

88835555555555568686675886666886558888886666866666666
Wm Carpenter J. B. Walker J. B. Walker James Turner J. H. McDonald J. H. McParland J. H. McParland Dr. Lowman J. H. McParland Dr. Lowman J. H. McParland Dr. Lowman J. H. McParland Dr. Lowis J. H. McParland Dr. Conflith J. F. Haskell J. F. Rough M. A. Reiner J. J. Haskell J. J. Hongen J. J. Hongen J. J. Hongen J. J. Hanskell J.

Table 55.—Records of wells in Tulare County—Continued.

Cost of ma- chinery.	\$650.00 5,000.00 50.00 50.00 4,00 50.00 50.00 50.00 50.00 65.00 66.00 1,000.00 1,100.00
Cost of well.	\$600 100 2, 350 2, 350 2, 000 2, 000 2, 000 2, 000 3, 2, 000 3, 2, 000 3, 2, 000 3, 2, 000 4, 0 4, 0 4, 0 4, 0 4, 0 5, 0 6, 1 1, 0 1, 0 1, 0 1, 0 1, 0 1, 0 1, 0 1
Yield.	Miner's inches. 5 inches. 5 inches. 5 22 22 22 24 40 40 40 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
Use of water.	
Method of lift.	Artesian Wind Artesian Wind Artesian Wind Artesian Artesian Wind Artesian Artesian Artesian Wind Artesian Artesi
Tem- pera- ture of water.	4. 7. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5.
Depth to water level.	Feet. 10 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Depth of well.	### Page 12
Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Go. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 3 inches. Bored, 6 inches.
Year com-	1903 1904 1888 1906 1880 1887 1882 1883 1888 1889 1889 1889 1889 1889 1889
Range east.	######################################
Location T on worth south, south,	88888888888888888888888888888888888888
Section.	28282828482848284828488888888888888888
Owner.	Wallace Bros. J. M. Sage. Mr. Wiltiney. Do. H. B. Congdon F. W. Pursell Artesta school district. Mr. Addreson J. R. Hascoe. J. R. Hascoe. J. R. Hascoe. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Williams. D. W

88888888888888888888888888888888888888	8
1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	250 250 250 250 250 250 250
3	122 123 133 133 135 60 60 60 60 8 8 8 116 116 116 116
HANDANAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH	0, 0, 1
Wind. Wind. Wind. Wind. Wind. Wind. Steam Hand. Wind. Wind. Hand. Wind. Hand. Wind. Hand. Go do Go do Hand.	Wind Electric Steam Gas. Steam Gas Bectric do
288888888888888888888888888888888888888	8
7 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	638 845 511122 6 53 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
60 10 20 <td< td=""><td>26 05 15 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20</td></td<>	26 05 15 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches.	do Bored, 12 inches. Bored, 11 inches. Bored, 12 inches.
1880 1888 1888 1888 1888 1888 1888 1889 189 1	1892 1990 1897 1900 1900 1904 1904 1901 1901
aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa	222288888888222 2 2
83888388888888888888888888888888888888	25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 2
Do. John Ruppenthall Sarope Gegargeion Dinder Hardware Co. Dinder Hardware Co. Dinder Hardware Co. Dinder Barkenship. Dinder Hardware Co. Dinder	W. Atkin. City of Portersville b. A. G. Schulz. A. G. Schulz. A. G. Schulz. A. G. W. Smith M. Davidson Do. Bosedale Water Co G. D. Boydston Mrs. R. A. Hendersond. W. H. Archin Frame Bros C. Sullivan.

c Tapped below surface; flow 13 miner's inches. d Five wells.

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken, b Two wells.

Table 55.—Records of wells in Tulare County—Continued.

Cost.of	ma- chinery.	\$60.00 \$4.00 \$7.00 \$7.00 \$8.00 \$8.00 \$7.00
1	Cost of well.	22 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
	Yield.	Minches. inches. a 3000 a 3000
	Use of water.	6999999999999999999999999999999999999
	Method of lift.	Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind Gas Gas Hand Wind Gos Gas Hand Go Gos Gos Gos Gos Gos Gos Gos
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	9993 958899 898199 193899888839
Depth	to water level.	Feet. 333.7. 2010 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 11
	Depth of well.	48998844888844888848484848888888888888
	Type and diameter Depth of well.	Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches.
	rear com- pleted.	1901 1885 18887 18887 1886 1904 1885 1885 1885 1885 1885 1885 1885 188
j.	Range dast.	***************************************
Location	-nwoT qids .diuos	8848884488844444
	Section.	0.0%48c18861088828288848044400 688 03
	Оwner.	C. J. Swartz C. Bastain. J. W. Hockett G. Bartin. G. Bour Mr. A. Stewart Mr. A. Stewart Mr. A. Ferguson C. Bour C. W. Howell C. W. Howell C. W. Ferguson J. E. Henderson E. B. Buxton S. Vincent H. Quinn H. Quinn H. Quinn H. Carlislo D. Do D. Markin T. J. Allen T. J

1, 126.09 1, 126.09
88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88
S
8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
Gas. Hand Wind Wind Wind Hand
\$ 25256 \$4 £555
2.5.5.5.5.5.5.5.5.5.5.5.5.5.5.5.5.5.5.5
25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25
Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Good, 6 inches. Good, 7 inches. Good, 7 inches. Good, 6 inches. Good, 7 inches. Good, 7 inches. Good, 7 inches. Good, 7 inches. Good, 10 inches. Good, 11 inches. Good, 12 inches. Good, 13 inches. Good, 14 inches. Good, 14 inches. Good, 16 inches. Good, 16 inches. Good, 17 inches. Good, 18 inches.
1889 1

\$\$\$±°°°\$
F. Jordan. F. W. Bagby. Mrs. A. Treball Mrs. A. Treball Mrs. J. L. Creech L. B. Retherford Mrs. J. Mitchell F. M. Creech Do. Treech Do. School district S. A. Nickols W. S. Smith Mrs. Elsie Beckwith H. H. Beckwith Mrs. Smith Wm. Swall Wm. A. Edgar Ogeo. Harrison Coon Larrison Coon Larrison Mr. Quimy S. Mitchell S. Mitchell W. Wats: H. W. Buttcher J. Goldman S. Mitchell W. Wats: H. W. Buttcher J. Goldman S. Mitchell W. Wats: H. W. Wats: H. W. Wats: H. W. Wats: Mr. Mansky.

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

Table 55.—Records of wells in Tulare County—Continued.

1 20	cost of ma-	\$1,400.00 \$1,00.00 \$5.00 \$5.00 \$15.00 \$15.00
	Cost of well.	\$900 150 (6,000 200 2,700 20 2,700 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2
	Yield.	Miner's inches. 113 4 133 16 16 18 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
	Use of water.	ST T TTTT T TSTTNNSNUSTTGGGSTGSGGGGNGGGTT
	Method of lift.	Artesian Artesian Artesian Artesian Go
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	**************************************
Depth	to water level.	## Peef. 100 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
	Depth of well.	### ### #### #########################
	Type and diameter Depth of well.	Bored, 5 inches. do do Hinches. Bored, 14 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 3 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 1 inches. Bored, 1 inches.
;	Year com- pleted.	1884 1887 1887 1885 1805 1905 1904 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906 1906
j.	Range east.	<u> </u>
Location.	Lown-	នន ន ននន ន នននន ន នននននននននននននននននននន
	Station.	00 0 88888 8 888888481,88884401888148814881
Owner.		F. J. Crane Robert Doran A. D. Evans. Mrs. C. Ranger. Dr. C. Grigsby Fred Hesse. R. H. Copeland Frank Laughlin W. Ranger. W. A. Coles. But Towne Co. A. D. W. J. Coles. Robert McDaniel W. J. Coles. Robert McDaniel W. J. Browning S. B. Garrett E. Sask. E. L. Cloer E. Sask. E. L. Cloer J. Fire G. N. Thomas

TOTALLE COOKIT.
86.08 159.08 159.08 159.08 159.08 159.08 159.08 159.08 159.08
. 경 13.4 성 성 성 성 성 성 경 등 등 등 등 등 등 등 등 등 등 등 등 등
in Hander See
8000000000000000000000000000000000000
Wind Borse Go Wind Wind Go Wind Go Wind Go Wind Wind Wind Go
\$28883427334 1 8848
\$2525 \$2525
641 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 9 inches.
1893 1893 1893 1893 1893 1893 1893 1893

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
M. C. Thompson. H. Mentz. J. W. Konda. J. W. Howeth. J. W. Howeth. H. B. Demmils Higgins & Tyler. M. Davidson. Salam school disrict. J. E. Porch. Mr. S. McGapes. M. E. Galbraith. Mr. M. S. McGapes. M. E. Galbraith. Mr. M. Salladay. Tulave County. J. Shoenfield. M. Cottle. J. Shoenfield. M. Cottle. J. C. Tilton. J. Monell. J. Shoenfield. M. W. Salladay. D. Williams. J. C. Tilton. J. M. Drinsent. J. C. Tilton. J. M. Drinsent. J. C. Tilton. J. M. Palling. S. J. Luck. J. M. Falling. J. M. Priest. J. M. Falling. J. M. Priest. J. M. B. Britton. H. E. Phillips. J. M. W. J. Vite. J. W. W. J. Vite. J. M. W. B. Bradbury. Mr. J. Heity. Mr. J. Mannel. J. Mannel. J. Mannel. J. Mannel. J. Mannel. D. Abannel. D. Abannel. D. Abannel. D. Dougherty. D. Dougherty.

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

Table 55.—Records of wells in Tulare County—Continued.

1 3	cost of ma-	51,600.00 50.00 125.00 125.00 95.00
		्रास्त्री ११ वर्ष ११ ११ ११ ११ ११ ११ ११ ११ ११ ११ ११ ११ ११
	Cost of well.	²⁶ (2) (2) (3) (4) (3) (3) (4) (3) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4
	Yield.	Mineles. 102 202 203 203 203 203 203 203 203 203 2
	Use of water.	HILLUURINININ IN NA
	Method of lift.	Artesian  Gas. Artesian  do.  Horse. Artesian  Go.  Go.  Go.  Go.  Go.  Go.  Go.  Go
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	
Depth	to water level.	Feet. 10 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
	Depth of well.	Feef. 550 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 + 700 +
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 9 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 9 inches. Bored, 9 inches. Bored, 9 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Hydraulic, 4 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 10 inches.
	Year com- pleted.	18883 1904 18890 18900 18900 18900 1905 1905 1906 1906 1908 1908 1898 1908 1908 1898 1908 1908
	Range east.	ដងដងដងដងដងដងដងដងង នានានានានាងដងដងនាងនាងនាងនាងនាងនាង
Location.	-nwoT qids .dtuos	888888888888888888888888888888888888888
L	Section.	0.858.82.82.82.82.82.00.00.00.00.00.00.82.82.82.82.82.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00
Owner.		Mrs. M. H. Smith L. E. Smith San Francisco Savings Union Mrs. A. J. Merchauft J. S. Copland San Francisco Loan & Savings Bank Do. J. Pancisco Loan & Savings Bank M. C. Meeker L. P. Chittenden M. C. Meeker L. P. Chittenden D. D. Brudaker D. D. Brudaker D. D. Brudaker D. D. Brudaker D. D. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse E. L. Kauffman D. G. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse L. C. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse L. G. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse L. G. Grosse L. G. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse L. G. Grosse L. G. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse L. G. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse L. G. Grosse L. G. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse L. G. Grosse L. G. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse E. L. Kauffman L. G. Grosse L

b Cost of well and equipment combined.

:8888	:88 :	3888	: : :8	: :8	:888	3888	38 ; ;	::88	8888	:888	:8 : : : :
165.00 45.00 1,000.00 6 800.00	90.00	150.00 125.00 1,700.00 125.00	230.00	150.00	13.55	16.63	155.	75.	226.00 226.00 186.00	175.00 100.00 229.00	270.00
20 20 60	60 55 70	300	113	325	3883	88188	8:28	82	120 100 140 100	150 150 151 151 151	150
884		100									
z, zh	S C N	, S.	2,00° 2,00° 2,00°	D, S.	D, 8	2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2	2,00° 8,00° 8,00°	4ZAv	D),s	S. D. s.	S.N.S.D.S.S.
Wind Wind Gas Wind	do do do Not raised	Wind Gas Wind		do	do	do	: : : :	Horsedodo	Wind. do. do.	Wind, horse Horse	do do do do do Not raised Horse
89	0.2	65 62	89992	38	09	3.388	61		70		889 990 24
<b>4</b> 855884	645 613 613 613	22022	£4885	828	820	884.8	130 130 130 130	5585	140 140 158	138 120 122	140 140 140 140 170 196
00000000000000000000000000000000000000	22.22	52525	808111	828	3888	388	118	1001	120	146 146 146	155 162 150 175 160 200 250
Bored, 9 inches Bored, 7 inches Bored, 5 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 10 inches	Bored, 8 inches Bored, 7 inches Bored, 5 inches Bored, 7 inches	Bored, 8 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 7 inches	Bored, 7 inches	do. Bored, 8 inches	Bored, 7 inches	do.	Bored, 6 inches	do do Bored, 8 inches	do Bored, 7 inches	dodo	Bored, 6 inches do. Bored, 7 inches Bored, 6 inches Bored, 7 inches
1893 1885 1890 1900 1890	1887 18827 1887	1902 1887	1889 1887 1887	1888	1889 1890	1895 1887 1887	1894 1885 1890	1887	1887 1892 1888	1885	1887 1886 1887 1890 1887 1887 1898
ន្តន្តន្តន្តន	ងន្ទន	88888	38888	8888	3888	8888	38888	8888	18888	8888	222222
*****	2222	44444	78888 7888	882	2222	2222	12222	7222	14444	2222	<u> </u>
204288	24.88.5	x 9 9 9 11	28828	25° 00° 0	,818	888	22.22.23	227	88888	12123	0 2 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
W. H. Haroldson. D. Do. I. D. Fraser. M. L. Nichols. A. W. Turner.	J. W. Hamilton Chas, Rieck Do. Do.	Mr. Tumoy. Charles Ricck. Frank Schlitz. L. Beurce. D. D.	H. B. Razey J. Jackson A. Childack	Lockridge & Turner C. L. Pinney W. H. Haroldson	J. H. Cox. Wildflower school district. A. Shemard	J. Cox. F.F. Mrs. L. C. Martin P. Shanahan	C. Willard J. Panetto J. Hedrick Wr. Paba	W. H. Haroldson B. Edwards. W. H. Harrison	Joe Fore. W. F. Burum. W. McDevitt. H. P. Burum.	Mr. Bryant. W. L. Smith. W. H. Haroldson. W. E. Welch.	B. McCracken. A. Welch. F. M. Carlisle. Braly Bros. Do.

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

Table 55.—Records of wells in Tulare County—Continued.

ı			000 1000 1 1 100 10 1
		Cost of ma- chinery	\$150.00 150.00 175.00 225.00 125.00 200.00 7200.00
		Cost of well.	\$225 160 160 160 225 60 70 70 84 84
		Yield.	Miner's inches.
		Use of water.	HUUWUUUWU W '''' W W W W W W W W W W W W W W W W W
		Method of lift.	Wind do do Wind, borse Wind, borse do do Not raised Horse Horse Wind Wind Horse Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind Wind
	Tem-	pera- ture of water.	°F. 62 70
	Depth	to water level.	Feet. 120 135 135 135 130 232 32 32 32 40 40 190 0
		Depth of well.	Feet. 130 160 160 160 224 224 225 61 61 61 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84 84
		Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 7 inches. do. do. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Dug, 4 by 4 feet Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 10 inches.
		y ear com- pleted.	1890 1890 1890 1875 1894
	<u>.</u>	Range east.	\$8888888888888888888888888888888888888
	Location	Town- qids dids	*****************
	1	Section.	48888881113131888491
		Owner,	W. L. Smith E. Zimmerman E. Zimmerman Diom Crangle Mrs. E. Zimmerman Mrs. E. Zimmerman O. Manney W. C. Castor W. W. O. Todd Joseph Miller Forest Oil Co.

## KINGS COUNTY.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The valley portion of Kings County includes the present and past Tulare Lake bottoms and the southern slope of the lower Kings River delta. Tulare basin is the lowest point in the southern section of the valley and is the area in which all surplus waters from Kings River southward accumulate. The flood waters of Kings River are divided on its delta, part of them flowing northward to join the San Joaquin drainage, while the other part flows into Tulare Lake. During years of low or moderate snowfall and rainfall in the Sierra. practically all the flow of Kern, Tule, Kaweah, and Kings rivers is used in irrigation, and there is but little excess to escape to the basin: but during years of heavy precipitation great volumes of water accumulate in the Tulare lowlands. This basin is very shallow. Its shores have gentle slopes, hence the area of the lake fluctuates widely with slight changes in the depth of the water in it. Since settlement began in the San Joaquin Valley it has had a complex history. What is known of its earlier history has been summarized by Grunsky.1 That part of the following résumé which deals with conditions prior to 1897 is condensed from his account; the résumé of conditions since 1907 has been furnished by H. D. McGlashan, district engineer, U. S. Geological Survey.

# Résumé of history of Tulare Lake.²

1853. High.

1853-1861. Subsidence; elevation of surface in 1861, 204 feet above sea level.

1861–1863. Rapid rise to the highest known stage, 220 feet above sea level, overflowing into San Joaquin River; area about 800 square miles.

1863–1867. Decline to about 208 or 209 feet above sea level.

1867–1868. Filled again to about 220 feet above sea level.

1872–1876. Fluctuated between 211 and 217 feet above sea level. 1876–1883. Decline to 192 feet above sea level; lowest stage then known.

1883-1897. Fluctuating; generally low.

1897-1905. Decline; practically dry in 1898; dry in autumn of 1905.

1905–1907. Rise; elevation of water surface in summer of 1907, 193 feet above sea level; area of water surface, November, 1907, 274 square miles.³

1907–1908. Depth gradually decreased from 14 feet in June, 1907, to 8.3 feet in December, 1908.

1909–1911. Gradual rise to depth of 13.4 feet in July, 1909; change in stage gradual to December, 1911, when depth was 10 feet.

1912-1913. Precipitation low. Depth gradually decreased to 1.5 feet in September, 1913.

² Elevation of bottom of lake, 179.1 feet above sea level.

¹ Grunsky, C. E., Irrigation near Bakersfield, Cal.: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 17, pp. 16-17, 1898. Out of print; may be consulted in libraries.

³ McGlashan, H. D., and Dean, H. J., Stream measurements in San Joaquin River basin: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 299, p. 20, 1912.

A knowledge of the history of this lake makes clear the origin and character of the soils of all except the northern part of Kings County, where the alluvial-fan or "delta" conditions so general in San

Joaquin Valley prevail.

Evidences of the former occupancy of the lowlands by the lake appear everywhere. Faintly marked sandy beaches encircle the depression at various elevations and over these beaches are strewn the shells of the mollusks that lived in the lake. In its lowest parts, dry and planted in grain in 1905, the fine sediments that settled in the lake bottom make a fertile alluvial soil.

It is to be presumed that the history of the lake for many centuries has been like that part of it which we know directly, i. e., that it has fluctuated in area and depth, occasionally drying out completely, then filling to the point of overflow. Under such conditions relatively little of the water which it has contained can have escaped by surface overflow; the greater part of it has evaporated or has been absorbed

by the sands and silts of the lake bottom.

With the shrinking of the lake during the years preceding the inflow of 1906, its old floor was placed under cultivation and valuable crops of grain were produced. This successful grain culture proves the nonalkaline character of the present surface of the old lake bottom, but the saline waters yielded by numerous shallow flowing wells within it indicate the presence of alkali at slight depths. few wells available as evidence in and about the borders of the old lake, however, indicate that deeper wells in some places obtain the better water.

## FLOWING WELLS.

There are probably as yet less than 100 flowing wells in Kings County (77 were visited by Geological Survey representatives in 1905), yielding approximately 20 second-feet. Probably not more than one-third of the wells are used for irrigation, a large number of smallbore shallow wells being used for stock and for domestic supply. The northern part of the county, in the vicinity of Hanford, Armona, and Lemoore, is well supplied with surface water by the canal systems that head in Kings River, and is a most productive, thoroughly culti-Ground waters are not needed and no serious attempt vated area. has been made to utilize them here.

In the vicinity of Corcoran, Waukena, and Angiola, however, a successful colony has been established that depends almost entirely upon ground waters. A number of deep wells have been put down to depths of 900 to 1,600 feet, which yield flowing waters in amounts ranging from 5 to 40 miner's inches. Shallow wells have also been bored and pumping plants have been installed over them. tract includes about 30,000 acres, and alfalfa, cereals, sugar beets, dairy and garden products, and fruits are produced successfully.

			Class	ification.	
Оwне	er. li  - t   s).	Mineral content.	Chemical character.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irrigation.
J. E. Meadows Do.  E. P. McAdams. F. Blakeley W. D. Sprague R. W. Dougherty M. A. Heinlen. Do. C. C. Friend. W. N. Stratton. J. F. Poole. C. E. Mort. Mrs. M. Dutra William Hogle. D. Ross. Ernest Howe. A. P. Reidling. W. S. Burr. Mrs. E. M. Killmer. Dallas school district. J. Martella Do. W. H. Thayer. Pacific Sugar Corporatio. City of Corcoran. D. W. Lewis L. P. Denny Jess & Gates. Do.	3.8 2.8 2.9 4.2 3.8 3.6 3.6 3.6 3.7 2.4	Highdo. Very high. ModerateHighdo. doHighdodoHighdododoHighdododoHighdododoHighdododoHighdododoHighdodododoHighdodododoHighdododoHighdododoHighdododoHighdodododododoVery highdododododododo	Na-CO ₃ Na-SO ₄ Na-CO ₃	Bad Very bad do Fair. Bad Very bad Bad Very bad do do do do do do Good Fair. Bad Very bad Very bad do Good Fair Bad Very bad Very bad Very bad Very bad do Fair do Very bad. Fair do Good. Fair do Good. Fair do Good. Fair do Good. Fair Fair do Good. Fair do Good. Fair Fair do Good. Fair Fair do Good. Fair Fair Fair do Good. Fair Fair do Good. Fair Fair Fair Fair do Good. Fair	Good. Do. Poor. Good. Do. Fair. Poor. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do

f Color, 40 parts. g Color, 140 parts.

	Classifi			
Owner.	Dat temical aracter.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irrigation.	Analyst.
W. D. Sprague	June 21-Cl	Bad Fair	Poor	Do. Southern Pacific Co. Kennicott Water Soft
Pacific Coast Oil Co Santa Fe Ry. Co L. P. Denny Jess & Gates.	Nov. 230	Very bad	Poor	Kennicott Water Soft ener Co. F. M. Eaton.



Table 56.—Field assays of ground waters in Kings County.

### [Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

		-																	
			Locatio	on.			Deter	mined qua	ntities.			Comp	oute:1 quar	tities.			Class	ification.	
Owner.	Date, 1910.	Sec.	т.	R.	Depth of well (feet).	Car- bonate radicle (CO ₂ ).	Bicar- bonate radicle (HCO ₃ ).	Sulphate radicle (SO ₄ ).	Chlorine (Cl).	Total hardness as CaCO ₃ .	Total solids.	Scale- forming ingre- dieuts (8).	Feaming ingre- dients (f).	Prob- ability of corro- sion a (c).	Alkali coeffi- cient (k) (inches).	Mineral content.	Chemical character.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irrigation.
J. B. Meadows Do Do A. M.	do   do   Nov. 12   Nov. 12   Nov. 12   Nov. 10   Nov. 11   Nov. 10   do   do   do   do   do   do   do   d	244 111 255 2288 155 2128 2139 223 333 14, 229 223 366 2 25 366 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 12 11 11 11 11 11	21 S. 21 S. 19 S. 20 S. 20 S. 21 S. 21 S. 21 S. 21 S. 22 S. 22 S. 22 S.	18 E. 18 E. 19 E. 19 E. 19 E. 20 E. 20 E. 20 E. 20 E. 20 E. 21 E. 22 E. E.	170 285 1008 323 1009 1203 1000 111 4000 375 300 850 850 850 95 400 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,60	0 Tr. 6 6 6 7 7 125 125 125 19 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	711 532 77 145 531 77 145 78 198 198 142 288 436 437 437 437 447 439 444 439 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 444 449 449 444 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 449 4	295 312 2,760 2,760 2,760 2,760 2,760 2,760 2,760 2,760 2,760 381 2,105 381 2,105 3,5 5 5 10 127 Tr.	70 50 370 35 35 35 30 20 45 30 45 30 55 70 25 56 63 63 63 63 64 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65	460 80 80 155 81 121 115 36 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,560 1,	610 620 4,800 560 560 230 3500 650 6500 6500 6500 6700 6980 6700 6980 3,900 780 220 3,400 600 3,400 600 3,400 600 600 600 600 600 600 600 600 600	500 110 200 110 200 110 60 60 160 160 1,900 120 120 120 100 100 100 100 100 100 1	10 500 3,400 80 430 200 600 600 600 1,800 900 770 100 100 100 100 100 100 1	C~C~~ SSCOOS SCOOSSCOOSSCOOS SCOOS C	30 20 3 55 27 9 5 4 4 22 2.8 4.5 2.9 4.2 3.8 400 101 115 12 2.4 3.8 3.9 9 2.4 3.10 12 12 12 12 12 12 13 14 15 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16	Very high. Moderate, High Moderate, do do display Moderate, do High Moderate, do Low Very ligh Lich Low Moderate, do	Na-SO ₄ . do. (ac.CO ₂ . Na-SO ₄ . Ado. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do.	do do do do frair fair fair fair fair fair fair fai	Do. Toor. Good. Do. Fair. Fao Do. Good. Poor. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do

 $^{^\}alpha$  C., corrosive; N. C., noucorrosive; ?, corrosion uncertain or doubtful. b Color, zero. c Color, 56 parts.

d Color, 154 parts. c Color, moderate. f Color, 40 parts. g Color, 140 parts.

Table 57.—Mineral analyses of ground waters in Kings County.

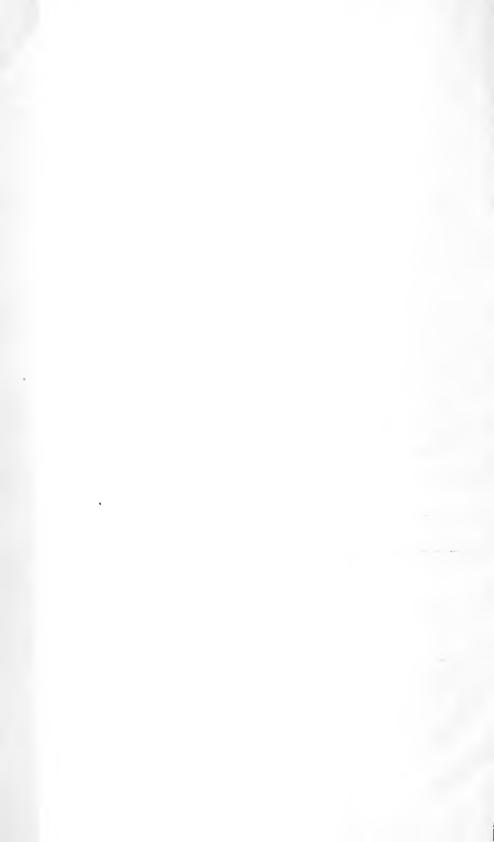
[Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

		n.		Determined quantities.								Computed quantities.				Classif	leation.							
Owner.	Date.	Sec.	т.	R.	Depth of well (feet),	Silica (SiO ₂ ).	Iron (Fe).	Caleium (Ca).	Magnesium (Mg).	Sodium and po- tassium (Na+K).	Carbonate radicle (CO ₃ ).	Bicarbonate radi- cle (HCO ₃ ),	Sulphate radicle (SO ₄ ).	Chlorine (Cl).	Total solids.	Scale-forming in- gredients (s).	Foaming ingredi- ents (f).	Probability of corrosion (c).	Alkali coefficient (it) (inches).	Mineral content,	Chemical character.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irrigation.	Analyst.
W. D. Sprague Rhodes estate Southern Pacific Co Santa Fe Ry. Co	June 25, 1891	28	18 S.	20 E. 20 E. 21 E. 21 E.	105 700 540	6 30 6 118	0.30 .40	12 7 3 4	2.0 2.2 Tr. Tr.	α 69 α 124 94 84	Tr. 14 0 0	210 295 114 104	6.6 0 14 8	6.0 22 75 70	266 386 272 335	90 75 40 130	340 250	N. C. N. C. N. C. N. C.	10	Moderatedodo	Na-Cl	Fair	Fair	F. M. Eaton. Do. Southern Pacific Co. Kennicott Water Soft- cuer Co.
Pacific Coast Ofl Co Santa Fe Ry. Co	Oct. 1,1902	14 14	21 S. 21 S.	22 E. 22 E.	850 (°)	8 27 39		6 22	2	25 264	0	26 727	24 4	21 21	152 710	50 105	70 710	N. C. N. C.	$^{85}_{2.6}$	Low High	do Na-CO ₃	Good Very bad	Good Poor	Pacific Coast Oil Co. Kennicott Water Soft- ener Co.
L. P. Denny Jess & Gates	Nov. 23, 1910	15 23	22 S. 22 S.	22 E. 22 E.	216 1,424	:	1.40 1.00	80 18	111 3.4	a 750 a 66	0	1,952 187	0	492 35	2,452 220	450 110	2,000 180	N. C. N. C.	$^{1.1}_{12}$	Very high . Moderate	do	do Fair	Bad Fair	F. M. Eaton. Do.

computed.

è Including exides of iron and aluminum.

¢ Artesian well; depth unknown.



### QUALITY OF WATER.

The quality of the water around Tulare Lake has been discussed in detail in pages 104–109. Along the northern and eastern borders of the county dependence is placed almost exclusively in artesian wells 1,000 to 2,000 feet deep for irrigation supplies. These wells yield fair water. Close to the lake and within its borders wells 20 to 300 or 400 feet deep yield very poor water, but the quality of water between those depths grows better in proportion to distance from the center of the lake.

Means's tests reported by Lippincott¹ indicate that the waters near the surface immediately east and southeast of Hanford are poor in quality; the areas around the 40-foot well in sec. 1, T. 19 S., R. 21 E., and the 42-foot well in sec. 2, T. 18 S., R. 23 E., may form part of the same territory.

Wells 1,200 to 1,800 feet deep along the eastern border of the county yield water excellent for all uses.

Three sulphate waters west of the lake are acceptable in irrigation; that from the 285-foot well in sec. 24, T. 21 S., R. 18 E., is being applied to vines, garden truck, and small fruit trees. The quality of water likely to be struck by wells south and southwest of the lake is problematical for that region includes the marshy overflow lands across which the discharge of Kern River has passed, and as the silts there have probably been derived from both east-side and west-side encroachments it can not be assumed that the waters from them would be of the west-side type. It seems probable, however, that supplies similar to those in T. 22 S., R. 22 E., would be found in T. 23 S., R. 22 E., and that artesian waters in T. 22 S., R. 19 E., and T. 23 S., R. 20 E., would be similar to that from the 225-foot well in T. 22 S., R. 19 E.

¹ Lippincott, J. B., Storage of water on Kings River, California: U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 58, pp. 56-79, 1902.

# WELL RECORDS.

The details of depth, cost, equipment, and use of such wells as the Survey has examined have been assembled in the accompanying table.

Table 58.—Records of wells in Kings County.

	Cost of ma- chinery.	## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ##
	Cost of well.	58 88 88 88 88 8
	Yield.	Miner's inches.
	Use of water.a	HANG HANG HANG HANG HANG HANG HANG HANG
	Method of lift.	Hand
£	pera- ture of water.	J
1 5	to to water level.	### ### ##############################
	Depth of well.	7-202888844488888888888888888888888888888
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 5 inches.  do, do, do, do, do, do, do, do, do, do
	Year com- pleted.	1895 1888 1888 1888 1888 1888 1900 1900 1890 189
i	Range east.	ននានានានានតតតតតនានានានានាតតតត <mark>តតត</mark> តតន
Location.	-n w o T q i d s .dtuos	888888888888888822222222
I	Section.	8418828888888148831081124116888 <b>8888</b> 888
	Оwner.	Sacramento Bank. E. Raee. E. Sweet. David Burris. Mr. Van Dorstet. T. J. Alcorn. C. J. McCullah. Boston Raisin Co. Mr. Jenkins. C. Lathan J. W. Lane. C. Lathan Mr. Page. Mr. Page. Mr. Page. Mr. Mr. Haws J. W. Lane. C. Lathan J. W. Lane. J. C. Ricken.

b Two wells.

10     64     4 8 0     8 6 6 8     8 6 6 8 8     8 6 8 8     8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
2         88         82         82         82         82         82         82         82         82         82         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83         83 </td
111
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Wind, hand.  Hand.  do 0  Wind do 0  do 0  do 0  do 0  do 0  do 0  Wind do 0  Wind Hand do 0  Wind Hand do 0  Artesian Hand Hand Hand Hand do 0  Wind Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand do 0  Wind Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand do 0  Wind Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand do 0  Wind hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand do 0  Wind hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand do 0  Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand
8-0211-0251820-00000000000000000000000000000000000
82865724888
Bored, 7 inches.  Bored, 6 inches.
1882 1883 1883 1883 1883 1883 1883 1883
***************************************
***************************************
87774478888888888118884884888884480000821700000141788888888888888888888888888888
Wetmore Bros.  R. Marshall  R. W. Morgan  E. Y. Bock  J. McCable  Dro  C. Relegent  C. Wellips  D. W. Waldorf  Frank Griffith  Mr. Durmer  J. E. Rawlins  J. E. Rawlins  J. E. Rawlins  J. C. Cecles  Maria Reynolds  W. W. Walker  Maria Reynolds  Mr. M. Camp  Mr. M. Rohinson  Mr. M. Camp  Mr. M. Rohinson  Mr. M. Camp  Mr. W. Wohler  Mr. M. Camp  Mr. M. H. Welr  Mr. M. H. Welr  Mr. M. H. Welr  Mr. M. H. Welr  Mr. M. Andrews  C. M. M. Camp  Mr. M. Andrews  Mr. M. Andrews  Mr. M. Andrews  C. M. M. Andrews  Mr. M. Ashorn  R. Abbott  R. Abbott  R. Abbott  R. Abbott  R. Sweeney  Mr. M. Sanborn  R. Abrorle  Mr. M. Sanborn  R. Abrorle  Mr. M. Sanborn  W. A. Sanborn  R. Abrorle  Mr. M. Sanborn  R. Abrorle  Mr. W. W. Walton  Mr. M. Sanborn  R. Abrorle  Mr. W. Walton  Mr. M. Sanborn  W. A. Sanborn  R. Abrorle  Mr. W. Walton  Mr. M. Sanborn  R. Abrorle  Mr. Walton  Mr. W. Walton  Mr. Wal

a D, domestic; S, stock; I, Irrigation; B, boilers; N, not used.

Table 58.—Records of wells in Kings County—Continued.

90 400	cost of ma- chinery.	88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88
	Cost of well.	841 833 117 108 120 120 135 135 135 140 15 15 161 17 17 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18
	Yield.	Miner's inches, inches, Small. Small. Small. Small. Small. Small. Small.
	Use of water.	HAUHUHUHUHUHUHUHUHUMWAMUHUMWAMWHA HAUHUHUHU   w   w   w   w   w   w   w   w   w   w
	Method of lift.	Steam Wind Band do do do Wind, hand do Heand do
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	° F. 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77
Depth	to water level.	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #
	Depth of well.	### ### ### ##########################
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 5 inches.  Bored, 6 inches.  Bored, 6 inches.  do do  Bored, 7 inches.  Bored, 7 inches.  Bored, 5 inches.  Bored, 6 inches.  Bored, 7 inches.  Bored, 7 inches.  Bored, 6 inches.  Bored, 7 inches.  Bored, 6 inches.  Bored, 7 inches.  Bored, 1 inches.  Bored, 2 inches.  Bored, 2 inches.  Bored, 2 inches.  Bored, 5 inches.  Bored, 6 inches.
;	Year com- pleted.	1892 1892 1889 1890 1890 1890 1890 1902 1902 1903 1903 1895 1895 1895 1895 1895 1895 1895 1895
'n.	Range east.	######################################
Location.	-nwoT qida .dtuos	000000000000000000000000000000000000000
	Section.	884488821144116188861188888860000000000000000000
	Owner.	Fred Ward John Sigler J. R. Mullinix Martin Roberls L. R. Love Geo. W. Houston G. E. R. Ndiffer J. F. Florey J. F. Florey J. F. Florey M. D. Runyon M. S. Corny M. W. Dougherly John Hunlen M. A. Heinlen C. C. Frand Do Bates & Miller M. A. Heinlen M. A. Heinlen M. A. Heinlen M. A. Heinlen J. Childres Bates & Miller M. A. Heinlen J. C. Frand J. C. Hereford J. C. Hereford J. Childres J. C. Mildres J. Whiteside M. A. Heinlen M. A.

2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
1, 5,600 1, 9,600 1, 9,000 1, 5,000 1, 2,000 1, 2,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000
88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Wind Artesian Artesian Hand Artesian Hand Go Go Wind Wind Hand Go
975 98 959 9 98989 3 333 3 8 33
800%00%11400%008%310000000000000000000000000000000
4888
Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 5 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 3 inches. Bored, 4 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 8 inches.
1889 1889 1875 1875 1875 1876 1876 1876 1876 1876 1876 1876 1876
######################################
80000000000000000000000000000000000000
<b>3</b> 88238888460555∞5248888811555888888211316628∞64455815658
W. S. Burr. John Bowens. A. P. Redding. Mrs. J. Hide G. Clutie A. & J. Toomoy Lakeside Creamery Co Mrs. J. T. Hereford J. McCarth Mr. Hunten Mr. Hunten Mr. Hunten Mr. Killmer P. McCarthy F. E. Howe. D. Do. Mr. S. M. Killmer Henry C. Smith J. Boyle. Do. Do. Do. Mr. Martelas Jacobs estate Do.

Table 58.—Records of wells in Kings County—Continued.

1000	chinery.	\$800.000 4 000 5.5 00	
	Cost of well.	\$1,550 3,000 2,400 4,000 4,000 200 200	
	Yield.	Miner's inches. 33 22 23 33 34 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44	
	Use of water.	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
	Method of lift.	Artesian  do  do  do  do  do  do  do  do  do  d	
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	. 8 832832727	
Depth	to water level.	Feet.	
	Depth of well.	Feet. 1, 225 1, 220 1, 220 1, 200 1, 200 1, 200 1, 200 1, 540 1,	
	Type and diameter of well.	Hydraulic, 2inches  Bored, 6 inches.  do  do  do  do  do  do  Bored, 12 inches.  Bored, 12 inches.  Bored, 12 inches.  Bored, 13 inches.  Hydraulic, 2 inches.  Hydraulic, 2 inches.  Bored, 2 inches.  Hydraulic, 2 inches.  Hydraulic, 2 inches.  Bored, 6 inches.  Hydraulic, 2 inches.  Bored, 12 inches.  Bored, 2 inches.  Hydraulic, 2 inches.  Bored, 12 inches.  Bored, 2 inches.  Bored, 2 inches.  Bored, 2 inches.  Hydraulic, 2 inches.  Bored, 2 inches.  Hydraulic, 2 inches.  Bored, 10 to 8	
1	rear com- pleted.	1905 1905 1905 1905 1905 1906 1904 1904 1904 1904 1904	
ä	Range east.	ងដង្គង់ដង្គង់ដង្គង់ដង្គង់ដង្គង់ដង្គង់ដង្គង់ ដង្គង់ <b>នងងងន</b>	_
Location.	-nwoT qihz .dtuos .	តតតតតតតតតតតន់ងនេងនង្គង់ងងងងង ងគង់ងងងគង	
	Section.	01289917448 888823332512994 8328514555558	
	Owner.	F. Ganahl. D. W. Lewis. D. W. Lewis. D. Co. Lewis. D. Co. Lamberson. C. Lamberson. D. C. M. Sherwin. F. Baseley. D. M. Sherwin. J. N. Sherwin. J. N. Sherwin. J. N. Sherwin. J. M.	

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

### KERN COUNTY.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS.

Kern County, which includes the extreme southern end of the San Joaquin Valley, receives its principal water supply, both surface and underground, from Kern River, which flows out upon the valley floor just above Bakersfield. Minor amounts, chiefly as winter flood waters, are contributed by Poso Creek and the streams that enter the valley from the south and west. The supply in excess of that used by the canal systems flows into Buena Vista Reservoir, where it is stored for the irrigation of the Miller & Lux lands along the trough of the valley to the north. During seasons of particularly heavy stream flow, a portion of the water escapes northward along either the main channel or Goose Slough channel toward Tulare Lake. This county has the least precipitation of all those in San Joaquin Valley, the average for a long period at Bakersfield being 4.81 inches, and consequently the direct supply of surface water is markedly small.

In the course of its distribution over the delta lands through the canals in irrigation, and by flow through the natural distributaries, a definite portion of the water sinks and so maintains a condition of saturation of the sands and gravels that have been deposited in the course of the growth of the delta. These saturating waters, like the surface waters, move in the direction of the slope of the delta, but at a much slower rate. They circulate more freely through the coarser beds of the delta deposits, and as they pass beneath the finer beds that are more numerous in those parts of an alluvial fan that are most distant from its head they accumulate pressure. Therefore when the confining beds above them are pierced by a well they rise, and if the pressure is sufficient they flow over the surface. These are the flowing artesian wells of the beds of Kern and Buena Vista lakes and the region extending some miles north of them, and of the main San Joaquin Valley artesian basin, beginning in the neighborhood of Buttonwillow and extending thence northward down San Joaquin Valley to the delta of San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers. It may connect with the Buena Vista artesian area, although there is no evidence available now to determine this point.

## FLOWING WELLS.

In 1905 there were 112 flowing wells in the county that were examined, and there were doubtless a few more that were not seen. The yield of these was in the neighborhood of 70 or 75 second-feet. About one-third of the wells were used for irrigation, the remainder being

¹ Cone, V. M., Irrigation in the San Joaquin Valley, California: U. S. Dept. Agr. Off. Exper. Sta. Bull. 239, p. 11, 1911.

used for stock or domestic purposes or allowed to waste. The areas in which they occur are indicated by the outlines of the artesian basins, as shown on Pl. I (in pocket).

Generally speaking, the artesian pressures have not been seriously affected by the developments that have taken place to date, although there are some wells, as in the Semitropic district, whose flow has decreased markedly as a result of the boring of big wells near by, but on lower ground and therefore in more favorable situations. Artesian wells usually deteriorate with age, as a result of any one of several causes, as slow filling with sand, clogging by gelatinous growths of microscopic organisms, and deterioration of the casing.

The State Engineering Department of California measured the yield of certain flowing wells in the Kern delta in 1885, and some of these were remeasured in 1905. The remeasured wells show decreases in yield varying from 50 to 100 per cent, but in only one of the wells available for comparison has there been complete cessation of flow. Decrease in yield of individual wells as development progresses is so usual a phenomenon that no community can safely plan its future on the assumption that a cheap supply of this type will remain constant, even in such large basins as those of the San Joaquin. But flowing water should be available for years from those wells whose initial yield is sufficiently large to be of value. Later, when the communities are more thickly settled and the wells are so closely grouped that flow and yield are materially decreased, industrial conditions may have so changed that pumps can profitably be installed to augment the supply. The cost of such pumped waters will usually be particularly low, because of the slight lift required to bring them to the surface.

### PUMPING PLANTS.

In 1906 there were more than 100 pumping plants in Kern County developing underground water for various purposes. Of these about 40 were gas plants, 25 were steam plants, and the rest were electric. Nearly all of the steam plants have been abandoned or replaced with plants using gas engines or electric motors. The developed waters are used for irrigation, for city supplies, for engine waters, and as supplies for steam plants, as at the pumping stations of the Pacific Coast Oil Co.

In the district about Bakersfield 50 pumping plants are in use to develop irrigation water. Half of these are electrically operated and belong to the Kern County Land Co. Each of these plants is equipped with 30 or 40 horsepower motors directly connected with No. 8, 10, or 12 centrifugal pumps. Each pump is connected with from one to four 13-inch wells, the number being determined by the yield of each well. From the data collected on these wells the fol-

lowing cost averages were computed on the basis of the quoted charge of 15 cents per horsepower per 24 hours for the electric power used.

Table 59.—Data concerning pumping plants in Kern County.

Average depth to the water from the surface, in feet	10
Average suction 20 feet. Average total lift, in feet	30
Total yield of 25 plants, in second-feet	100.34
Total horsepower consumed	860
Total cost per day for current to develop 100.34 second feet,	
860 H. P., at 15 cents	\$129.00
Cost per second-foot for 24 hours	\$1. 29
Cost per acre-foot of water developed	\$0.65

The company estimates that other items bring the total cost of operation and maintenance to \$1.70 per second-foot for 24 hours or 85 cents per acre-foot. Taxes, interest, and depreciation amount to about 15 per cent on the investment, and as the plants are operated about 100 days a year these items increase the total cost of developing ground water to \$3 per second-foot for 24 hours or \$1.50 per acre-foot.

The standard of water costs in this district is set by the price of gravity water from the Kern—75 cents per second-foot for 24 hours, or about 38 cents per acre-foot, where distribution is affected by sales.

The pumped water therefore, even under the excellent system of the Kern County Land Co., costs about four times as much as the gravity water, and its cost will increase as it is developed from deeper strata with higher lifts. It seems to be quite generally believed locally that water at these prices can not be used profitably.

This may be true with the wasteful methods employed, the excessive amounts of water often applied, the class of crops produced, and the general lack of intensive cultivation; but it has been clearly proved in other communities and by individual experiences in the Bakersfield region itself that with more diversified or better selected crops, smaller individual holdings, and more intensive methods of farming, good profits may be made from the alkali-free lands of the delta and plains by the careful use of water at these or at even higher prices. It is safe to predict that the most important future developments in Kern County will result from the application of these principles.

Under any conditions that are likely to obtain in the near future it is not to be expected that ground waters at greater depths than 25 or 30 feet below the surface as an extreme will be usable for irrigation purposes. Water at this or less depths exists, of course, throughout the artesian areas along the lowest parts of the valley. It is to be found also throughout the greater part of Kern delta and in the lower parts of Poso Creek delta from a point about halfway between Famoso and Wasco westward. Near the foothills on each side of the

valley the ground water is not accessible except under unusual conditions, as in the flood plains of the larger rivers, or in areas where particularly valuable products, such as citrus fruits, will justify the expense of pumping to exceptional heights. In the intermediate areas between the deltas of the streams that supply the ground water it is also apt to be too deep to be accessible. This condition is illustrated in the area between Kern and Poso Creek deltas, east of Shafter station, on the Santa Fe Railway, and in the region between Delano and the foothills just south of the Tulare County line.

Near the northern edge of the county the main artesian belt of the valley, whose southern end is in the vicinity of Buttonwillow, expands to a width of 26 or 27 miles measured along the county line. Much of this central portion of the valley along the north edge of Kern County is in large holdings and is therefore but thinly settled, but developments are ample to prove the artesian conditions and to permit outlining the artesian belt with a fair degree of accuracy. The outlines as determined are shown on the map (Pl. I, in pocket), which also shows by means of hydrographic contours the depth to the ground-water level outside the artesian limits.

Although little direct evidence bearing upon this point exists, there can be no doubt that beneath the broad steeply sloping west-side plains of Kern County the ground water a few miles back from the trough of the valley is too deep to be accessible, because the water table has but little slope, the depth to it at any point being approximately equal to the elevation of that point above the trough of the valley.

## QUALITY OF WATER.

The information regarding the quality of the ground waters of Kern County is more or less local, and therefore generalizations can not be made with such definiteness as in other parts of the valley. Water from wells of different depths around Delano, Famoso, and Oil Center was tested, and the basin of Kern Lake was explored. A line of assays was made from Famoso to Semitropic, and deep and shallow waters were examined as far west as Buttonwillow and T. 25 S., R. 23 E.

The chemical composition of waters in Kern County is somewhat different from that of supplies farther north, especially in respect to the distribution of sulphate. Five wells 43 to 220 feet deep at Delano yield waters good for irrigation and fair to poor for boiler use; all contain appreciable amounts of sulphate, but they are not nearly so strongly mineralized as the water of an 18-foot well, which carries 1,600 parts of total solids. Three wells east of Delano in T. 25 S., R. 26 E., 80 to 180 feet deep, yield sodium carbonate water low enough in mineral content to be good for irrigation. Water

from two wells 108 and 118 feet deep at Delano is being successfully used in irrigating orange trees.

Flowing wells 300 to 995 feet deep at Pond pumping station and west of there in T. 25 S., R. 24 E., yield sodium carbonate waters low in mineral content like those along the western border of Tulare County, and these waters have been used to irrigate alfalfa, grain, garden truck, and trees. The only shallow well that was tested gives a sodium sulphate water of poorer quality. The supply from a 700-foot well at Pond pumping station is used in boilers without treatment except preheating, and the assay shows that the water is low in all harmful constituents.

Wells 50 to 175 feet deep at Famoso yield calcium carbonate water, acceptable for irrigation and somewhat lower in mineral content than the average water of the east-side type farther north. Wells of similar depth west of Famoso yield inferior sodium carbonate water higher in sulphate. Wells 172 to 326 feet deep around Semitropic still farther west have supplies similar to those at Pond, and their waters have been similarly used. Water from the 480foot well in sec. 8, T. 27 S., R. 23 E., curiously enough, is much higher in chlorine than that from the other wells. As the water of a 1,150-foot well in the same section has not been used for a long time and stands below the top of the casing the complete test of its water is not reported, but it shows the presence of 235 parts per million of chlorine. Water from the artesian well of S. B. Anderson, west of Semitropic, the depth of which is not reported, contains more than 700 parts of chlorine, according to an examination made in the State laboratories. All these wells probably lie in the eastern edge of a highly mineralized area, for deep waters east of this locality are low in chlorine.

The water that is pumped with the oil from wells in Kern River field contains little sulphate or chloride, but it is very hard. A battery of wells about 400 feet deep in sec. 5, T. 29 S., R. 28 E., and a 200-foot well in sec. 7, T. 29 S., R. 28 E., furnish boiler and drinking water moderate in mineral content and much better than that from deeper wells. No pretreatment is necessary for these supplies, and only a small amount of eggshell scale has to be removed from the boilers every two weeks.

Shallow waters as far south of Bakersfield as Kern Lake basin are fair for use in boilers and good for irrigation, as they are calcium carbonate waters of moderate mineral content. Their situation in a well-cultivated region supplied with surface water partly explains their excellent quality. The deeper waters in the lake basin farther south are of good quality, but they increase in sulphate southward, and those close to the foothills are bad. These changes are graphi-

cally represented in section D' E', figure 4, and they are more fully discussed on pages 109-110.

The poor quality of the ground waters in an alkali belt immediately southeast of Kern is proved by the tests of supplies in the eastern part of T. 30 S., R. 28 E. Three waters from wells 60, 140, and 240 feet deep south of this area are better.

Four flowing wells northeast of Buttonwillow, 444 to 850 feet deep, yield similar supplies. As they are sodium carbonate waters of low mineral content, similar to those at Semitropic and Pond, it is reasonable to conclude that flowing wells east of range 23 between Buttonwillow and Kings River will yield water good or fair for irrigation and for boiler use. A shallow well in sec. 31, T. 28 S., R. 24 E., gives water of the same nature. The low, broad, but well-defined ridge that lies between the artesian area in T. 28 S., R. 24 E., and that in T. 29 S., R. 23 E., may separate the two flowing-well basins. The fact that the three artesian supplies in the latter township are sodium chloride waters of poorer quality than those northward is significant but not conclusive, as conditions here may be analogous to those at Semitropic, where no such ridge exists. Two shallow wells at Buttonwillow yield hard water good for irrigation but poorer than that in T. 28 S., R. 24 E., while the 101-foot well at Buttonwillow depot yields still harder water.

Little information is available regarding the quality of the waters west of range 23, but the data given by Arnold and Johnson regarding the springs and wells in the west-side hills establish their highly mineralized character. These supplies are probably similar in composition and concentration to the gypseous waters of western Fresno County.

¹ Arnold, Ralph, and Johnson, H. R., Preliminary report on McKittrick-Sunset oil region, Cal.: U. S. Geol. Survey Bull. 406, pp. 102-107, 1910.

e Seven we

		Classific	ation.		
Owner.	1	Chemical character.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irri- gation.	Anal <b>y</b> st.
Co.	e	do Ca-CO ₅ Ca-SO ₄ do do do do do do do do do Ca-CO ₃ Ca-CO ₃ Na-CO ₃ Na-CO ₃ Na-Cl	do. Fairdo. do. do. do. do. do. do. Poor Fair.	do. Good. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. .do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do. do.	Southern Pacific Co. Do. Do. F. M. Eaton. Southern Pacific Co. F. M. Eaton. Southern Pacific Co. Do. Do. F. M. Eaton. Do. Southern Pacific Co. F. M. Eaton. Do. P. M. Eaton. Do. Southern Pacific Co. F. M. Eaton. Pacific Cost Oil Co.



## TABLE 60.—Field assays of ground waters in Kern County.

[Parts per million except as otherwise designated.]

			Locatio	n.			Deter	mined qua	ntities.			Com	puted qua	ntities.		T	Classifi	*****	
Owner.	Date, 1910.	Sec.	т.	R.	Depth of well (feet),	Carbon- ate radicle (CO ₃ ).	Bicar- honate radicle (HCO ₂ ).	Sulphate radicle (SO ₄ ).	Chlorine (Cl).	Total hardness as CaCO ₃ .	Total solids.	Scale- forming ingre- dients (s)	dients	Proba- hility of corresions (c).	Alkaii coefficient (k) (inches),	Mineral content,	Chemical character,	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irrigation
Mrs. C. Davis. Semitropis school district.  F. J. Randolph. J. Davis C. Randolph. J. Randolph. J	. do	312 322 6 30 10 10 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	**************************************	SERVICE SERVIC	3364 336 336 336 336 336 336 336 336 336	158 122 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	\$50	50, 1130 1130 1130 1130 1130 1130 1130 11	1110 1110 1110 1110 1110 1110 1110 111	7.7.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 218.2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	140 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110	60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 6	280	V. C	555 220 110 20 255 55 55 55 75 77 111 100 50 35 25 25 55 55 55 55 75 77 110 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90	Godo Godo Godo Godo Godo Godo Godo Godo	1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800   1800	yery had a coordinate of the c	Good, Do. Good, Boo, Good, Goo

6. C. corrective N. C. noncorroctive, 7, correction unsertain or doubtful.

4 Privation well depth unknown; probably knowe than doubtful.

5 Privation well depth unknown; probably knowe than doubtful.

6 Privation well depth unknown; probably knowe than doubtful.

6 Privation well followed the following that the High-inch casing at 1,000 feet. The first nample is the water that comes out between these casings and the second is from the hottom of the well.

6 Severa wells 80 to 100 feet deep.

### Table 61.—Mineral analyses of ground waters in Kern County.

									ĮF	arts pe	r millio	n excep	t as otl	herwise	designat	ed.)								
		. 1	Locatio	m.					Dete	rmined	quant	itles.				Cor	aputed	quanti	ties.		Classifi	ication.		1
Owner.	Date.	Sec.	т.	R.	Dopth of well (feet)	Silica (SiO ₂ ).	Iron (Fe).	Calefum (Ca).	Magnesium (Mg).	Sodium and potas- sium (Na+K).	Carbonate radicle (CO ₃ ).	Bearbonato rad- icle (HCO ₃ ).	Sulphate radicle (SO4).	Chlorine (Cl).	Total solids.	Scole-forming in- grodients (s).	Foaming ingred- lents (f).	Probability of corrosion (c),a	Alkoli coefficient (k) (inches).	Mineral content.	Chemical character.	Quality for boilers.	Quality for irra- gation.	Analyst.
Williams & Noyer Southern Pacific Co	Nov. 30, 1892 July 23, 1910 Nov. 27, 1910 May 30, 1902 Nov. 29, 1910 Sept. 15, 1892 Aug. 11, 1903 Nov. 29, 1910 Dec. 1, 1910do Mar. 13, 1902 Dec. 2, 1910	18 11 11 11 7 7 16 24 24 36 20 3 4	20 S. 25 S. 25 S. 25 S. 27 S. 27 S. 29 S. 29 S. 30 S. 29 S. 29 S. 29 S. 29 S.	23 E. 23 E. 25 E. 25 E. 26 E. 26 E. 27 E. 27 E. 27 E. 27 E. 28 E. 28 E. 28 E.	200	€ 69 € 78 € 29 € 25 € 19 € 24	.35 .30 .35 .10	42 39 41 27 27 42 22	1. 6 5 4. 8 5 5.3 5 2 11 6. 2 1. 8 1. 2	\$ 95 161 49 50 \$ 40 18 \$ 11 25 23 60 \$ 613 \$ 49 47 \$ 1,550	12 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	248 1,708	0 49 51 66 66 16 18 55 14 184 19 44 6 0	112 201 29 68 48 18 6.0 23 11 15 8 9.0 11 30 1,418	312 540 334 331 363 171 234 142 409 175 218 289 3,930	80 d 140 200 200 180 120 140 160 90 300 150 90 180 60	280 430 130 140 110 50 30 70 60 160 130 4,200	N.C. ? ? ? N.C. ? N.C. N.C. N.C. N.C. N.	250 75 50 30	High Moderate do do do do do do do Mu Low Moderate do do very high	do Ca-CO ₅ do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do	dodododododododo	. do	F. M. Eaton. Southern Pacific Co. Do. Do. Do. F. M. Eaton. Southern Pacific Co. F. M. Eaton. Southern Pacific Co. F. M. Eaton. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do

 $\alpha$  C, corrosive; N.C., noncorrosive; ?, corrosion uncertain or doubtful.  $\delta$  Computed.  $\epsilon$  Includes oxides of iron and aluminum (Fe₇O₂+Al₂O₂).

d Approximate.
c Wells at Bakersfield roundhouse.
f From bottom of well.

98205°-wsp 398-16. (To face page 294.)

# WELL RECORDS.

Such detailed facts about the various types of wells in Kern County as have been secured by the Geological Survey are assembled in the following table. The data were collected in large part by A. J. Fiske, jr.

Table 62.—Records of wells in Kern County.

	H	Location.					Denth	E - H					
Owner.	Section.	-n wo T qids .diuos	Range east.	Year com- pleted.	Type and diameter Depth of well.	Depth of well.	to water level.	pera- ture of water.	Method of lift.	Use of water.a	Yield.	Cost of well.	Cost of ma- chinery.
						Feet.	Feet.	°F.			Miner's inches.		
Miller & Lux Fred Cox	781	18181	222	1901	Bored, 8 inches	800	000	82.5	Artesiandodo	S, E		\$3,000.00	
Mulef & Lux	* 83°	3.53.5	1212		Bored, 7 inches		000	:52	do	S S S	20.25		
Mr. Haley	o — (	3 23 2	383		do		000	:28	do	I	91		
	7.7	S 53	8 2		Bored, 10 mcnes		00	22	do	zz			
Mr. Dorsey	96	8.8	42.5		Bored, 8 inches		00	22	do	I, S	2 2		
C. H. Dorsev	44	3.53	25.	1891	Bored, 7 inches.	45	14	:	Wind	I	3	45.0)	\$100
W. B. Timmins.	10	25	25	1901	Bored, 8 inches	88	28	:	do	D, S, I	:	1.00	52
B. Thomas	n m	3 %	3 %	7061	Bored, 10 menes	132	38		Gas	I	77	125,00	3
Teresa Panero	91	323	38		Dug, 3 feet by 3	18	17	99	Wind	D, S	:	25.00	20
Margereta Pulyan	15	25	25		Bored, 6 inches	. 82	16?	:	Hand	D	:	20.00	2
C. Conteras	9:	38,	23.5	:	Bored & inches	88	30%	89	Wind	 O S			25
Mr. Mallery.	11	25	3 23	1889	Bored, 6 inches	38	32.		Wind, horse	Ω.		51.00	200
J. L. Williams.	9 9	52	56	0681	Bored, 8 inches	99		13	Wind	  	-	18.30	88
Virgil Starwalt	000	3 53	38	0001	do	3	707	3	Not raised	7			
Victor Vieux	∞ ⊆	22.5	88	1902	do	803	657	:	Wind	- ×			115
Angelo Feetl	35	3 %	9,8	1887	ορ	1502	1257		do	7		135, 00	115
John Vanlone.	229	183	888	1888	do	1403	1257		do	D		140,00	જ
Keed estate	.71	- 67	02	1889	ao	140			TION 26				:
a D, domestic; S, stock; I, irrigation; B, boilers; N, not used.	rrigati	on; B, 1	ooilers	; N, not	used.		q	Yield est	b Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.	of owner	taken.		

Table 62.—Records of wells in Kern County—Continued.

	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Cost of ma- chinery.	87. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100. 10
Cost of well.	\$180.00 300.00 117.00 117.00 900.00 900.00 800.00 800.00 60.00 60.00
Yield.	Miner's inches, inches
Use of water.	0.000000000000000000000000000000000000
Method of lift.	Horse  do Wind  do Horse  Artesian  do d
Tem- pera- ture of water.	\$ 6434888348883488344888 6434888348883488
Depth to water level	Pree. 156. 156. 156. 156. 156. 156. 156. 156
Depth of well.	### Peet, 1722
Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 7 inches  1 do  1
Year com- pleted.	1890 1880 1880 1880 1880 1891 1891 1890 1890
Range east.	888888333333333333333333333333333333333
Town- ship south.	**************************************
Section.	234488388888888888888888888888888888888
Оwner.	W. Hubbard. Mrs. Wm. Moman Chas. Albert. Prank Gonez. Henry Vieaux. A. H. DeWitt. A. H. DeWitt. Do. Chas. Reynolds. Geo. H. Lawrence. Do. Jopha Beebe. H. Wilson. B. Brown. T. A. Raymond. C. Clayton. T. A. Raymond. F. W. G. Morebus. T. C. Cowen. H. Wilson. F. W. G. Morebus. T. C. Cowen. J. Lamilian School district. W. B. Newman J. Hamilton school district. W. B. Newman J. L. Robertson. J. L. Robertson. J. L. Robertson.

											,
W. L. Smith		26 27	1890	Bored, 8 inches	100	2707 96	:	Horse	Z, S.	1,000.00	300
H. L. Taylor	20			Bored, 6 inches	\$	64?		do.	<u> </u>	60.00	100
C. E. Kitchen.			1894	do	25.5	202	:	do		600.00	100
H. E. Philips			1902	Bored, 8 inches	144	903		do	D	144.00	100
Kern County Land Co			000	Bored, 7 inches.	æ:	65	t	Horse	D	60.00	12
G. L. Kobertson			1839	Bored, Sinches	38	202	79	w ind		65.00	0.0
Kern County Land Co			1886	do,	88	35.5		do.		60.00	201
Do			1903	Bored, 10 inches	68	23	69	Gas			
Do			1904	do		12	64	do	o.		
Do				Bored, 6 inches	82	56	99	Wind	D		
Do			1903	Bored, 10 inches	80	56		Gas.	S		
Do			1903	do	. 75	20		do	20		
Do	_			Bored, 8 inches	. 512	0	62	Artesian	S 31	-	:
Do				Bored, 10 inches.	-1 480	0	78	do	S 52		
R. B. Johnson.		_	18867	Bored, 8 inches	369	0	78	do	S, I 56		
C. J. Clayton.		_	1885	Bored, 10 inches.	284	0	78	do	S		:
J. D. Wells.			1885	Bored, 8 inches	320		92	Gas	68I		006
T. W. Brown		_	1886	op	420	0	:	Artesian	I		
Do		_	1901	op	200	0	:	Gas; artesian	I	1,000.00	1,000
W. Y. Horner.	_		1884	op	299	2		Gas	Į 133	σ	1,175
Paige & Montgomery	_			do	008	0	85	Gas; artesian	I 67		:
Mr. Brown			-	do		0	92	Artesian	I, S		:
Mrs. O'Brien.	6		1889	do	360	0	:	do	N Small.		:
Mrs. C. Davis.	4	_	1884	do	234	0	92	op	N b 10		:
. P. Irish.	∞		1895	do	480	_	:	Gas	I 133	σ	1,650
Do_	<u>∞</u>	_	1889	Bored, 9 inches	1,150	7		Not raised	N		:
Harry Rambow		_	1888	ايت	423	0	92	Artesian	D, S, I 6		:
Kern County Land Co						0	92	do	82		
D0	12		:	Bored, 8 inches	533	0	::::::	op	S		
η				Bored, 10 inches.	830	0	:	Not raised			:
•		_	:	do	:	17	:	Wind, hand, gas	D, S		:
Do.	9		1903	op	98	50	20	Gas.			: : :
J. McCombs				Bored, 7 inches	68	53	<del>1</del> 9	W ind	ññ		
Kern County Land Co			1903	Bored, 10 inches	124	40	71	Gas.			:
JU	4.			00	31		21	00			:
IN INOOL	4.		C681	Borea, 6 Inches	27	7.7	3	w mg.			
W. H. Sillin.			1888	Doned 10 inches	202	77.	36	do			
Pli Ronnot			1000	Bored, 10 inches.	100	47	0,	Cas		130 00	
H E Philips			1005	Borned, 5 inches.	143	1085	:	Hones		120.00	9
Pacific Coast Oil Co.			1005	Bored, (3 menes.	965	170	:	Steam		100.00	0.5
Southern Parific Co	_		1800	Doled, o menes	2021	1309	:	Hand			
Kern County Land Co			1003	Rored 10 inches	134	36	70	Gas			
Do			1003	do	108	96	22	00			:
Delta school district.		_		Bored 6 inches	130	24	8	Hand	0		
A. Filben			1905	Bored, 10 inches.	56	24.	22	Gas	D 11	65.00	250
Palm Fruit Co.	25				8	20	73	do	I5		:
H. L. Weems	_	_		Bored, 6 inches		17		Wind	D, S		:
a Cost of well and equipment combined	combine	d.		b Yield estimated or statement of owner taken	ted or stat	ement	f owner	taken.	c Two wells.		
		i									

a Cost of well and equipment combined.

Table 62.—Records of wells in Kern County—Continued.

Cost of ma- chinery.	0000 (18
Cost of well.	\$8800.00 1,000.00 2,100.00 2,100.00 2,100.00 1,000.00 2,100.00
Yield.	Miner's inches.  188 198 104 46 446 446 446 446 45 22 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28
Use of water.	QQHHHHHQHHHHHHQHQHQQHQXQQQQQQQH H IXQ Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q
Method of lift.	das, die, dresian do
Tem- pera- ture of water.	. J. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.
Depth to water level.	######################################
Depth of well.	7 132. 132. 132. 132. 132. 132. 133. 133.
Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 10 inches.  do,  Bored, 13 inches.  do,  Bored, 11 inches.  Bored, 9 inches.  Bored, 9 inches.  Bored, 11 inches.  Bored, 12 inches.  Bored, 7 inches.  Bored, 7 inches.  Bored, 13 inches.  Bored, 14 inches.  Bored, 18 inches.
Year com- pleted.	1908 1908 1909 19000 19000 19000 19004 1892 1892 1892 1893 1894 1895 1896 1896 1896 1896 1896 1896 1896 1896
Range east.	នន្តន្តន្តន្តន្តន្តន្តន្តន្តន្តន្តន្តន្ត
o -n w o T q i d s q i d s .diuos	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
Section.	0040004448888800888000088000844441001
Owner.	Kern County Land Co.  Do.  C. W. Rowles  Do.  Sisson & Son.  Mr. E. Lewis  F. Salis  C. B. Crawford  Tracy Bros.  Tracy Bros.  Tracy Bros.  Miller & Lux  Southern Pacific Co.  Miller & Lux  Southern Pacific Co.  Miller & Lux  Southern Pacific Co.  Do.  Do.  Do.  Kern County Land Co.  Do.  Do.  Do.  Do.  Do.  Do.  Do.

	-00
30.00 30.00 45.00 h 3.000 2.500 2.500 2.500 55.00	Nine wells. Cost of well and equipment combined. Five wells.
03 2 1 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	uipment
w-19999988888889999999999999999999999999	s. ell and eq. s.
do   do   do   do   do   do   do   do	g Nine wells. h Cost of wells i Five wells.
882 88 889 9240 1 1 1 12488 64	liameter.
7-1111117-7-1218-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-	inches d
1,1 1,2 1,2 1,2 1,2 1,2 1,2 1,2 1,2 1,2	eet by 9§
Bored, 13 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 9 inches. Bored, 10 inches.	d Dug 74 feet and bored 48 feet by 9§ inches diameter e Three wells. f Four wells.
1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889   1889	I Dug 74 feet e Three wells f Four wells.
222222	402
**************************************	ter.
•89151515151516511884.0 × 0.44515151	aken. s diame
G. T. Nighbert E. A. Daithert E. A. Daithert E. A. Daithert The George The George The County Land Co.? W. H. Baker County Land Co.? W. H. Baker County Land Co. Do. Do. T. C. Roberts S. G. Rex W. M. Cintosh T. A. Meintosh T. A. Wells T. A. Wells T. A. Wolls T. A. Montgomery Monte Cristo Oil Co. Teafife Coast Oil Co./f. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do	<ul> <li>Tield estimated or statement of owner taken.</li> <li>Two wells.</li> <li>Dug 56 feet and bored 15 feet by 10 inches diameter</li> </ul>

Table 62.—Records of wells in Kern County—Continued.

		Total III Mark to an Gold Village I
Cost of	ma- chinery.	\$3,500 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100
	Cost of well.	48 48-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6
	Yield.	Miner's inches. 250 250 277 277 277 277 277 277 277 277 277 27
	Use of water.	0-1-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
	Method of lift.	Hand Electric Gas Wind Wind Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Hand Ha
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	2 6 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
Depth		## Peec. 138
	Depth of well.	### ### ##############################
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 6 inches Bored, 13 inches Bored, 7 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 11 inches Bored, 12 inches Bored, 13 inches Bored, 10 inches
1	y ear com- pleted.	1899 1908 1908 1908 1909 1909 1891 1895 1897 1901 1901 1901 1901 1898 1889 1898 1898
ri.	Range east.	***************************************
Location.	-n wo T qids Guth.	%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
	Section.	**************************************
	Owner.	Kern County Land Co.  Do.a. Do.a. Do.a. Do.a. Do.a. Do.a. Do.a. T. G. Deriw Hans Madson F. D. Lowe. Mrs. C. B. Modico Mrs. County Land Co.a. Mrs. Johnson G. Meare G.

		?1.150  150 8 10	25.	8 : 4610	325	
40.00	300.00	300.00 50.00 46.00	60.00 375.00 65.00 138.00	8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8	7.00	
677	74	I			2 64	'n
00000000000000000000000000000000000000	aaaza H	NZCOZO w w	UNNUNN		D. S.	T W C W C II
Hand.  Wind. Hand. do do Electric do	Wind. Steam. Not raised Wind, steam. Steam.	Gas Not raised Wind Gas. Hand Horse	do Not raised Hand Out and Wind Flectric	Horse, Wind, hand, do Hand, Horse, Gas, hand, Hand, Steam, Steam	Hand do Gas Hand Electric	
0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	89	76 74 73 64 65	66 64 74	66 64 64 61 62 62 60	62 62 63 63 63	
47.88.21.42.00.40.01	28 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	38,733188 34,733188	203 10 203 203 203	8 4 1 1 1 1 1 8 8 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	113 10 8 4 11 7 9 11 13 4 11 13 13 1	lle
05 62 44 44 65 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85	56 175 20 50 175	250 250 240 611 84	882888 831	48218831884 48218831884	33 36 36 25 450 450 Three wells	Five we
Bored, 6 inches Bored, 8 inches Bored, 6 inches do, do. Bored, 13 inches do,	Bored, 6 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 6 inches do	do.  Bored, 6 inches do.  Bored, 4 inches Bored, 8 inches Bored, 24 inches	Bored, 6 inches Bored, 13 inches Bored, 5 inches Bored, 8 inches Bored, 6 inches	20.000000	do Bored, 8 inches Bored, 6 inches Bored, 2 inches Bored, 7 inches	7
1890 1890 1893 1893 1893 1902 1904	1903 1897 1903 1896 1896	1904 18967 1901	1897 1905 1892 1895	1904 18927 1890 19004	1904 1902 1902 1904 18827	
888787777777	888888888	8888888	88888888	2228888888	22222	
8888888888888						ьd
38937°° 188883	7.788833 7.7888 7.7888	82 42 53 53 53	448888	% o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o		ombir
W. Winter C. C. S. Hill C. C. S. Hill C. C. S. Hill C. C. Tibbett A. C. Tibbett James Lamb Electric Water Co.e. Do	T. P. Pinnell Sumner Water Co. Mr. Patent. Chamberlin Canning Co. Chas. Offer Do.	Kern Fruit and Berry Co. Frank Morrison H. A. Bobby Mr. B. C. Morley Mr. Struckvant H. J. Nelkirk	O. B. Hess. O. B. Hess. A. I. Soott. A. J. Ovens. I. T. Bayse. A. Amourig.	Dr. Mungai.  Mrs. Wildman Wm. Baker J. W. Overall.  Bugene Verdier A. J. Gilman C. G. Shockton	I., M. Keith Choffee & Glenn Christ Mattly T. H. Dickey. Kern County Land Co W. S. Tevis. a Pour wells.	b Cost of well and acminment.

c Three wells.

 $\alpha$  Four wells, b Cost of well and equipment combined.

Table 62.—Records of wells in Kern County—Continued.

	Cost of ma- chinery.	
1	Cost of well.	\$2,250.00 26.00 40.00
	Yield.	Miner's finches. 175 137 137 134 134 134 156 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 88 8 8
	Use of water.	പപപ്പപ് പ്രപ്പ്പ് മരമയമെയമെയുന്നു വ്യാമ് വ്യാമ് വ്യാമ്
	Method of lift.	Electric  do  do  do  do  do  do  do  do  do  d
	pera- ture of water.	6. 64 68 68 68 68 64 64 64 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 68
Jan 4	to to water level.	7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-
	Depth of well.	### ### ### ##########################
	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 13 inches  do d
	Year com- pleted.	1899 1899 1899 1899 1899 1900 1901 1901
i	Range east.	
Location.	- n w o T q i d s .d inos	~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
	Section.	4448666668844448467766111686868888888888
	Owner.	Kern County Land Co.a  Do.b  Do.a  D

2,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000	
69     61       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60     60       60	
5 5 5 reells.	
4 Two wells	
. do	
7. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2.	
- Three weeks a state of the st	
+	
do, 19 cod, 7 motes. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 2 inches. Bored, 10 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Bored, 7 inches. Bored, 6 inches.	
27 1896 27 1896 27 1896 27 1903 27 1903 27 1903 28 1903 28 1905 28	
<b>8888888888888888888888888888888888888</b>	
28882244511112174888888888881212121212121212144488888888	
D. McNee.  H. Moller & Lux.  H. H. Gillum J. A. Shaffer A. G. Lial A. G. Lial A. Mol Lial A. Monous C. Kerr T. A. Monous H. F. Bunks T. S. Fultz T. A. Monous C. F. Haperkem C. F. Shonell C. F. Shonell C. F. Shonell C. F. Schonetti C. M. Wols C. M. W. Wells C. M. W. Wells C. M. M. Hall C. L. Denmen Mrs. Allen. A. Four wells.	

Table 62.—Records of wells in Kern County—Continued.

-	0.2	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
1000	ma- chinery.	.004 101 15 1880 14 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15	90
	Cost of well.	2, 440 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 00	25.00
,	Yield.	Minch's tinches.  2 2 2 5 5 55 55 55 55 8 8 8	34
-	Use of water.	BEEBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB	യ
	Method of lift.	Hand Gas Hand Gas Hand Gas Gas Hand Go	SteamArtesian
Tem-	pera- ture of water.	£ 28588882258888888888888888888888888888	200
Depth	to water level.	7 2 2 3 3 4 1 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	0 4
	Depth of well.	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #	260
7	Type and diameter of well.	Bored, 6 inches Bored, 2 inches Bored, 6 inches Bored, 10 inches Bored, 8 inches Bored, 10 inches	Bored. Bored, 4 inches
3	oom- pleted.	1900 1904 1907 1902 1902 1892 1892 1893 1889 1889 1889 1889 1889 1889 1889	1897
-	Range east.	%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%	2823
Location.	- n w o T q i d s .dtuos	######################################	333
J	Section.	882888888888888 ₆ 4444888888888888	12
	Owner.	Alexander Berges. W. M. Beekman. C. D. Morris. R. P. Frox. B. R. P. Frox. G. Burton. R. E. Houghton. B. Curnel. B. Curnel. H. A. Emplocile H. A. Emplocile H. A. Emplocile H. A. Emplocile H. A. A. Doyle J. W. Parish G. M. Ashe H. R. Freen. J. B. McCutchen J. B. McCutchen J. A. Adams. W. Stoner. M. R. Pearson. V. Stoner. M. R. Pearson. W. Stoner. M. R. Pearson. W. Stoner. M. M. Jackson. C. Stoner. M. M. Jackson. M. M. Jackson. M. Do D. D. D. D. G. Barkor. H. P. Pearson. C. Stoner. D.	J. S. Ellis C. Mattly

8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8     8
25 5 5 5 4 4 4 1
NA DEBUGUESES SON SESTIMBES SESTIMBE
74
005011005088888888888888888888888888888
00 088874738738877488118811881188118811881188118811881
Bored, 8 inches. Bored, 6 inches. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go. Go
1900 1902 1897 1903 1903 1903 1903 1904 1904 1904 1904 1908 1908 1908 1909 1901 1901 1901 1901
888888888888888888888888888888888888888
11-888001880044400111         128880088888888888888888888888888888888
No.

a Yield estimated or statement of owner taken.

Table 62.—Records of wells in Kern County—Continued.

	Cost of ma- chinery.	8 8 8 8 8 8 8
	Cost of well.	\$60.00 45.00 40.00
Method of lift. Use of Yield.		### ##################################
		$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
		Wind Hand. Artesian do
Tem- pera- ture of water.		. 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
Depth to water level.		Ree
Depth of well.		Pee
Type and diameter of well.		Bored, 6 inches  Bored, 7 inches  do d
Year com- pleted.		1899 1899 1899 1899 1898 1898 1898 1897 1900 1900 1900
ц	Range .tse9	######################################
Location.	-nwo,T qids .diuos	888888888888888888888888888888888888888
	Section.	80088818181888880 4 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Оwner.		Accob Shank R. T. Baker Rem County Land Co Do

# INDEX.

A. Page.	Page,
	Color, disadvantage of, in water 70,74
	Contra Costa County, records of wells in 194-196
Alameda County, records of wells in 196	Copo de Oro Water Co., pumping plant of,
Alkali, occurrence of	test of
permissible limits of 52-54, 56-58	Corrosion of boilers, causes of
remedies for troubles from	Corrosion of boriers, causes of
source of	D.
Alkalies, relative harmfulness of	
Alling, P., pumping plant of, test of 150	Denudation in the Sierra, rate of 97–98
American Railway Engineering and Mainte-	Deposition in San Joaquin Valley, rate of 98-99
nance of Way Association, re-	Depreciation of pumping plants, percentage
ports on boiler waters by 67-69	of
Analyses of ground water	Depth, relation of, to mineral content 122–123
180-181, 198-199, 210-211, 227-	Development of the valley trough
228, 237–238, 255, 283, 292–294	Disinfection of water, means of
Anderson, J. J., pumping plant of, test of 159	Distillate, price of
Artesian areas, ground-water levels, and	Domestic use, poor supplies for, depth and
pumping plants examined, map	position of
showing In pocket Axial waters, composition and quality of 117–119	Drainage, removal of alkali by
suitability of, for industrial use 130, 131	Dutton, J. C., pumping plants of, tests of 143
for irrigation	
101 1111841011	E.
В.	Eaton, F. M., analyses by
Destante processions against in water 74.75	work of
Bacteria, precautions against, in water 74-75	East-side waters, composition and quality
Badger Irrigation Co., pumping plant of, test	of 110 119
of	suitability of, for industrial use 128–129, 131
Beard, Mrs. William P., pumping plant of,	for incidental 102 104 100
test of	Efficiency of numming plants made of esti
Bicarbonate, test of water for	
See also Carbonate.	mating 167
"Black alkali." See Carbonate.	Exeter, pumping plants at, tests of 159–161
Blacherne Water Co. pumping plant of, test	F.
of 157	Feed water, heating of 88–89
Boiler compounds, character and use of 64-65	Filtration, rapid sand, description of 86-87
Boilers, ratings of waters for 65-69	
troubles from water in, causes of 61-63	Fiske, A. J., jr., work of
remedies for 63-69	Flooding, effect of, on alkali
Borden, pumping plants at, tests of 153-154	Foaming in boilers, causes of 63
Briscoe, -, pumping plant of, test of 161	
Buena Vista reservoir, water of, analysis of 96	
Bunker, W. E., pumping plant of, test of 148	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	mereasing demand for, in the south west.
С.	Fresno, pumping plant at, test of
0.1 . 0 1 . 11	Fresno County, farming and irrigation in . 234-236
Calaveras County, records of wells in 196	
Calcium, effects of, in water 71-72, 76, 78-79	
Calcium sulphate, deposition of	
California Agricultural Experiment Station,	pumping in, cost of
analyses of waters by 134–138	
Carbonate, effects of, in water	
test of water for 42	Fuel oil, price of
Charles, Dr. M. S., pumping plant of, test of. 163	( )
Chlorine, content of, in artesian water 117-119	ų.
effects of, in water	Gard, O. S., pumping plant of, test of 161
test of water for 42	Geography of the valley
Coagulants, substances used as 86	
Cold water, effect of irrigating with 123	

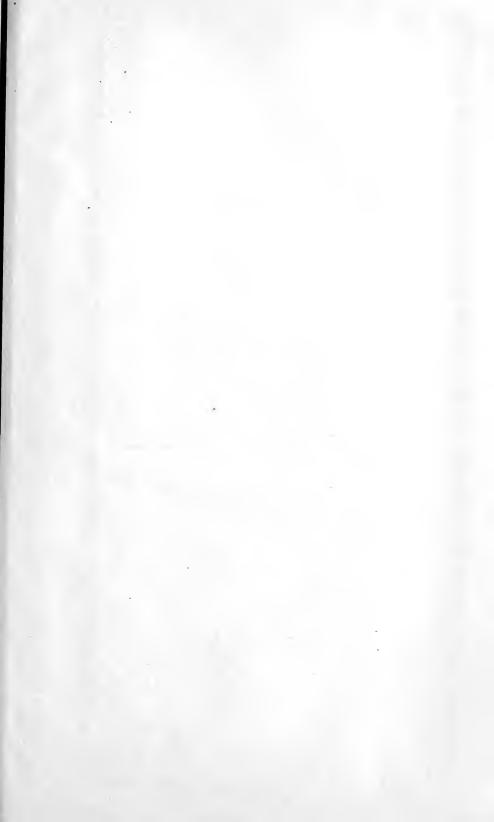
rage.	Page.
Ground water, accessibility of	Kings River, monthly discharge of 26
analyses of 134–138, 180–181, 198–199, 210–211,	wells north of, composition of water of 100-104
227-228, 237-238, 255, 283, 292-294	Kummis, Sam, pumping plant of, test of 14
circulation of	
collection of samples of	L.
development of	La Salle, A. S., pumping plant of, test of. 143-14
field assay of	
accuracy of	Laurel Colony, pumping plant of, test of 16:
results of, compared with results of	Leach, J. H., pumping plant of, test of 158-15
analyses	Lift of pumps, limit of
	Lindsay, pumping plants at, tests of 161-162
0	Lippincott, J. B., on irrigation with ground
quantity of	water in Fresno County 234–23
quality of, important	Lodi, pumping plants at, tests of 142-148, 150-15
substances tested for in 50–51	·
value of, for irrigation	M.
Grunsky, C. E., on the history of Tulare Lake. 281	McAdams, F. S., pumping plant of, test of 16-
Gustine, pumping plants at, tests of 148–149	McAdams, W. J., pumping plant of, test of 16
	McCreary, P. L., analyses by
H.	McGee, W. J., work of 90-9
Harding, S. T., and Robertson, Ralph D., on	McCloghan II D on the history of Tylen
development of the ground water. 32	McGlashan, H. D., on the history of Tulare
Hardness, test of water for	Lake
Hauschildt, G. H., pumping plant of, test	Madera, pumping plants at, tests of 152–153, 15
of 163–164	Madera County, farming and irrigation in 22
Hieb, J. A., pumping plant of, test of 146	flowing wells in 226–22
	ground waters of, assays and analyses of. 136
High, J. H., pumping plant of, test of 144	139, 227–22
Hill, T. R., pumping plant of, test of 142–143	pumping plants in
Hilo pump, test of 157	records of wells in
Hogan Bros., pumping plants of, tests of . 150-151	Magnesium, effects of, in water 71-72, 76, 78-7
House, Joe, pumping plant of, test of 149	Martin, G. A., pumping plant of, test of 15
Hydrogen sulphide, effects of, in water 73,74,75	Martin, L. G., pumping plant of, test of 16
τ	Means, Thomas H., work of
I.	Merced, pumping plants at, tests of 151-15
Imperial Valley, benefit of irrigation to 10	Merced County, farming and irrigation in 208-20
Industrial use, requirements for	flowing wells in
results of	ground waters of, assays and analyses of. 136
suitability of water for 128-131	139, 210–21
Industries, extent of	pumping plants in
Iron, effects of, in water 70–71, 75	records of wells in
Irrigation, development of, in the Southwest. 9-13	Merced River, water of, analyses of 91-9:
suitability of ground water for 32–37, 123–125	Mesmer, Louis, work of
use of ground water for	Micke, W. G., pumping plant of, test of 14
value of ground water for	Mineral content of ground waters, diagram
with cold water, effect of	showing 12
with ground water, results of 125–127	increase of, from south to north 119–12
T	relation of, to depth 122-12
J.	Mokelumne River, water of, analyses of 9
Job, R. W., pumping plant of, test of 156	Municipal water supplies, composition of 133-13
, ,, ,, , ,	0,
K.	0.
	Organic matter, effects of, in water
Kern County, flowing wells in 289–290	
Kern County, ground water of, assays and	Р.
analyses of	D 10 G 1 OT G 1 1 1 1 1
ground water of, sources of	Pacific Coast Oil Co., treatment of boiler
pumping plants in	waters by 129-13
records of wells in	Packard, W. C., work of 90-9
Kern River, water of, analyses of	Pate, S. M., pumping plant of, test of 15
Kettleman, George D., pumping plant of,	Patterson, H. W., pumping plant of, test of 15
test of	Patterson, pumping plant at, test of 14
Kings County, flowing wells in	Patterson Colony, pumping plant of, test of 14
ground waters of, assays and analyses of 137,	Pogue, Tom, pumping plant of, test of 16
139, 283	Pollution, possibility of
records of wells in	Portersville, pumping plants at, tests of 155-15
Kings River, development of ground water	Potability, rating of water as to

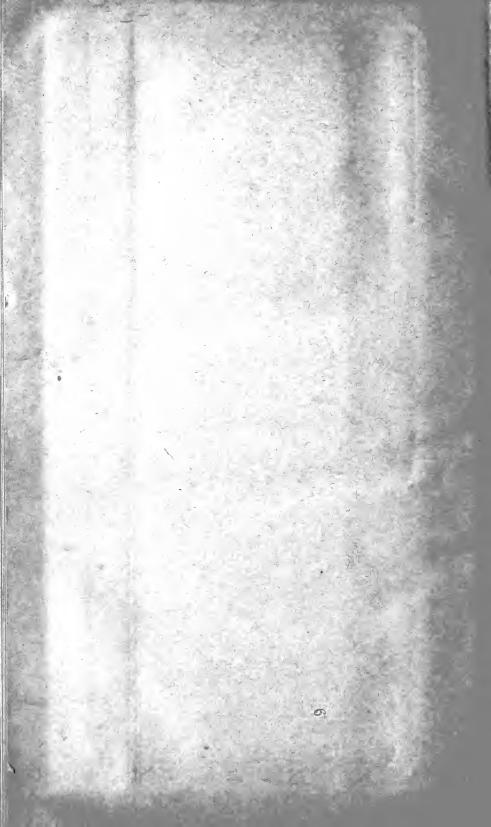
Page.	Page.
Precipitation, record of, in 1910 40-41	Stanislaus County, flowing wells in 197-198
Preston, P. W., pumping plant of, test of 160	ground waters of, assays and analyses
Priest, R. M., work of	of
Pumping, cost of electric current for 34	pumping plants in
Pumping machinery, large, expense of 168-169	rainfall and surface waters of
overloading and underloading, waste in 170	records of wells in
overspeeding and underspeeding, waste	Stanislaus River, water of, analyses of 91-93
in	Stanislaus Water Co., irrigation by
selection of proper size of	Stillman, Howard, acknowledgment to 40
tabulated results of	Stockton & Mokelumne Irrigating Co., opera- tions of
Pumps, cost of operating, against various	tions of
static heads	yearly discharge of
of various sizes, time required for irriga-	waters of, analyses of 90-93
tion with 172	Sulphate, content of, in ground waters, cross
	sections showing 102
Q.	content of, in ground waters, map show-
O 114 of many 2 makers many of forecast	ing In pocket
Quality of ground waters, means of forecast-	effects of, in water 72
ing	test of water for
for 108	Sunnyside Water Co., pumping plant of, test
summary of	of
Stilling y of	Surface of the valley, building of
R.	Surface waters, chemical composition of 90-99
	volume of
Rash, Charles, pumping plant of, test of 145-146	Suspended matter in water, effects of 70, 73-74
Reinhart, William, work of 90-91	T.
Rivers. See Streams.	Tindell, P. H., pumping plant of, test of 144-145
Robertson, Ralph D., Harding, S. T., and, on	Tretheway, John, pumping plant of, test of 146
development of the ground water. 32	Tulare, pumping plants at, tests of 163-164
Rocks of the border of the valley 18-20	Tulare County, flowing wells in
Roderigs, Jesse, pumping plant of, test of 152	ground waters of, assays and analyses
Roeding & Wood Nursery Co., pumping	of
plant of, test of	permanence of
Rosedale Water Co., pumping plant of, tests of. 155	sources of
Rosectate Water co., pumping plant of, tootor:	pumping plants in
S.	records of wells in
ь.	Tulare Lake, history of
Salt. See Chlorine.	water of, analyses of
San Joaquin County, flowing wells in 178	wells near, composition of water of 104-109 proper depth of
ground waters of, assays and analyses of 135,	wells south of, composition of water of 109-110
139, 180–181	Tuolumne River, water of, analyses of 91-93
pumping plants in	Tyler, E. P., pumping plant of, test of 151
records of wells in	
San Joaquin River, water of, analyses of 91-93 San Joaquin valley, west side of, composition	U.
of well waters of	United States Geological Survey, investiga-
Sayre, A. L., pumping plant of, test of 152-153	tions of ground waters by 13-15
Scale, formation of	United States Reclamation Service, analyses
Settlemire, D. C., pumping plant of, test of. 155-156	of well waters by 139
Shaw, L. W., pumping plant of, test of 160-161	v.
Skaggs, S. W., pumping plant of, test of 154	Valle-Verde Investment Co., pumping plant
Smith, S. M., work of	of, test of
Soda ash, use of, for softening water 76	Van Winkle, Walton, analyses by 90-91
Softening of water, means of	work of
Soils, origin of 22–23	
problems concerning	W.
relation of applied water to	Wagner, Jacob, pumping plant of, test of 148
surveys of 23	Walters Bros., pumping plant of, test of 154
Solids, total, formula for estimating	Water, applied, relation of, to soils
Southern Pacific Co., procedure in analyses	distillation of, apparatus for
· for	purification of, demands on
treatment of boiler waters by	methods of 83-88
waters	turbid effects of 70

# INDEX.

Page.	Page.
Wells around Tulare Lake, water of, compo-	Wells, records of
sition of	south of Tulare Lake, water of, composi-
flowing, data on	tion of 109–110
location and depth of, in relation to sul-	West-side waters, composition and quality of 112-117
phate content of ground waters,	suitability of, for industrial use 129-130, 131
map showing In pocket.	for irrigation
north of Kings River, water of, composi-	White, W. N., work of
tion of	Windmills, use of, in San Joaquin County 179-180
of east side of valley, water of, composition	Woodbridge Canal & Irrigation Co., opera-
of	tions of 177

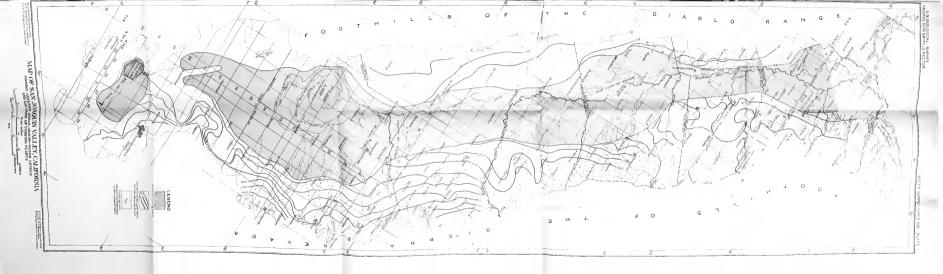
 $\bigcirc$ 





(2/2/42







GE 1025



